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BOMBAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce have APPOINTED THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 12th & 13th May, 1898, for the purpose of BALLOTING for an ELECTIVE TRUSTEE of the Port of Bombay, to act during the absence of Mr. J. L. Symons, who has obtained twelve months' leave from the 22nd April, 1898.

The BALLOT BOX will be OPEN at the Offices of the Chamber from 10 A.M. till 6 P.M., on each of the above days.

By Order of the Committee,
JOHN MARSHALL, Secretary.

Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, 29th April, 1898.

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P. S. KHAREGAT,
A. P. PARMAN,
Managing Directors.

32, Apollo Street, Apollo House, Fort, Bombay, 29th April, 1898.

THE HOPE MILLS, LD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an ad-interim DIVIDEND of (Rs. 30) Rupees Thirty (free of Income tax), per Share for the half-year ended the 31st December, 1897, will be paid on and after MONDAY, the 16th May, at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 3, Hornby Row, Fort, to those Shareholders whose names stand in the register of the Shareholders on the 6th May, on production of Share Certificates.

The SHARES TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 16th May, 1898, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
RANGILDAS BHUKHANDAS & CO., Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents.

Bombay, 28th April, 1898.

THE SASSOON AND ALLIANCE SILK MILL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company, will be held at its Registered Office, No. 8, Forbes Street, Fort, on THURSDAY, the 12th day of May, 1898, at 4 P.M., to transact the following business:—

1st.—To receive the Directors' Report and Audited Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

2nd.—To declare a Dividend.

3rd.—To confirm the appointment of Hon'ble Mr. Vijbhoocandas Atmaram as a Director made by the Board.

4th.—To elect two Directors in the place of those who retire by rotation but who are eligible for re-election.

5th.—To appoint Auditors for the year ending 31st December, 1898, and to fix their remuneration.

TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 12th to 26th May, 1898, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 27th April, 1898.

THE BOMBAY GRAIN TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the BOMBAY GRAIN TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 12, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay, on Wednesday, the 4th day of MAY, 1898, at 2 P.M., to transact the following business:—

I. To receive and adopt the Report of the Board of Directors' Report and Audited Accounts.

II. To pass a resolution authorizing the Directors to wind up the Company, and distribute the balance among the Shareholders.

III. To authorize the Directors to take steps to recover the amounts due from Shareholders.

IV. To discuss any other business brought forward.

By order of the Board of Directors,
N. S. GLAZEBROOK, Chairman.

Bombay, 26th April, 1898.

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE.

DR. DA GAMA, will be in Attendance from SUNDAY, the 1st proximo, at his Eye Infirmary, near Dhobitalao Police Station, between the hours of 8 and 9 A.M. every Sunday, for the INOCULATION of all persons wishing to avail themselves of Professor Haffkine's Treatment against Plague.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner,
T. S. WEIR, Health Officer.

Public Health Department, Bombay, 26th April, 1898.

LIST of ESTATES to which Letters of Administration have been granted to the Administrator General, Bombay, and of Estates which have come under his charge:—

JOHN LAMPLOW MORRES, late Assistant Engineer, Poona District.
CHARLES HERBERT MARSHALL, late Lieutenant, 1st Devonshire Regiment, attached to the 24th Punjab Infantry.
CHARLES EGERTON AYERST, late Lieutenant, Commissariat Transport Department, Poona.
EDWARD BECHER LONGHURST, late 2nd Lieutenant, K. O. Yorkshire Light Infantry.
JAMES BELL, late Engine-Driver, North-Western Railway.
RUDOLPH MEINCK, late Foreman Watchmaker, in the employ of Marcks and Company, Limited.
BALLA BHOW, late of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant.
NICHOLAS G. ROSSIDES, late a 1st Class Passenger, per s. s. "Canara" from Mombassa to Bombay.
JOSÉ AGOSTINHO PERREIRA, late of Bombay, Portuguese Inhabitant.
JOSEPH ANTHONY PERREIRA, late of Bombay, Portuguese Inhabitant.
DEVIDAS KHUSHAL, late of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant.
NUSSERWANJI DHUNJIBHOY SOORTI, late of Bombay, Parsee Bookseller.

All persons having claims against, being indebted to, or holding property belonging to the abovenamed estates are hereby requested to state their claims, pay their debts and hand over such property to the undersigned forthwith. All claims must be sent to the undersigned at his office within one month from the date of this advertisement. At the expiration of the said period the assets of the estates will be distributed and claims received after that period will not be recognised.

LOUIS P. RUSSELL, Ag. Administrator-General.

Admr. Genl's Office, High Court Bombay, 30th April, 1898.

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THE BOMBAY ASSOCIATION OF FIRE INSURANCE AGENTS.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the Association will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, on MONDAY, the 9th May, 1898, at 4 P.M.

CLEMENT POOLE, Secretary.

Bombay, 20th April, 1898.

BHAVNAGAR HARBOUR WORKS.

CANCELLING the previous Notice dated 16th April, 1898, inviting Tenders for 300 Tons of DESHARGHAR BENGAL COALS, the TENDERS for the same are hereby INVITED FOR DELIVERY, on or before the 30th September, 1898.

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Bhavnagar, 23rd April, 1898.

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3. The Company's Specification and conditions under which the contracts will be let are attached to each form of Tenderers' Schedule. Any further information required can be obtained from the respective officers concerned.

4. Tenders should be addressed to the Agent, S. M. Railway Company, at Dharwar, in sealed covers superscribed

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5. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. BURN MURDOCH, Major, R.E., Agent, S. M. Railway.

Agent's Office, Dharwar, 22nd April, 1898.

NOTICE.

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W. AMUN, For Superintendent of Stationery.

Office of the Superintendent of Stationery, Town Hall, 26th April, 1898.

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General Storekeeper's Office, Parel, 25th April, 1898.

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	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Year's Divid.	Cash Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.				Rs.	
Bank of Bombay		Rs.	Rs.	10 p. c.	
Bank of Bengal	20,000	500	all	1 bon.	1,287 1-2
Bank of Madras	40,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,130
Commercial & Ld. Mge.	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,100
	20,000 / 15,000	100 / 75		10 p.c.	120
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	1,00,000	£8	all	3 pr. ct.	80
Chartar Bank	40,000	£20	£20	3 pr. ct.	£29½
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	£125	all	£1-8s.	
National Bank of India	40,000	£25	£12½	7 pr. ct.	3·0

PRESS COMPANIES

				Yearly	
Akbar	200	1,250	1,250	75	11·56
Albert Ginning Co.	100	500	all	18 pr. ct.	45
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,100	1,100	Rs 80	1,925
Bellary	167	1,000	1,000	dvd 14 x	440
Bhowanagger City Press & Manfg. Co. Ld	550	350	250	20	275
Bombay Cotton Brocla Cawn	1,000	125	dv Rs12½		125
Bore Press Co. Ld.	500	200	200	dvd 14	13
Broach City Press Co. Ld	500	200	200	dvd Rs22	210
Colaba	500	1,250	1,250	dvd Rs15	315
East India	350	1,000	1,000	75	1,150
English Press and Manfg.	400	200	...	dvd Rs 8	85
Export	2,500	500	500	dvd Rs40	356xd
French	300	500	500	dvd Rs30	1,100 / 500
Hartley and Sabapathy	450	450	500	dvd Rs40	455
Hingoli Press Co. Ld.	780	100	100	dvd Rs10	145
Khanggaum	240	450	450	Rs 40	455
Mahuva Press Co. Ld	300	200	all	15 pr. ct.	210
Mahimapura Cotton G. and P. Co. Ld.	300	500	500		70
Mercantile	600	125	125	dvd Rs 6	80
Mofussil Co.	125	400	400	dvd Rs25	360
Munmar M	250	250	250	dvd Rs 15	265
New Benar	100	500	500	dvd Rs15	583
New Indian	1,000	125	125	dvd 16½	171½
Prince of Wales	130	500	500		400xd
Sabapathy (Bellary)	500	500	500	7	375
Samachar	200	500	500	20	585
Sind and Punjab Co.	100	1,000	1,000	200	2,000
Sind Gunnery	400	75,000	750	50	490
Sorab Woollen Mills	210	250	250	Nil.	75
Surat City Press Co., Ld.	37	200	all	12	200xd
Ackwrt		000		10	dvd Rs65	1,090

MISCELLANEOUS.

				Half yearly	
Alcock Ashdown	1,750	100	100	dvd Rs15	205
Back Bay Bathe	500	50	50	12½	35
Badhara Pile	5,000	100	100	12	145
Bombay & Burma Trading Corporation	1,000	2,500	1,500	200	6,050xd
Do. New Issue	500	375	625	75	1,325
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co. Ld.	1,250	100	100	dvd x	68
Bombay Land and Building Co. Ld.	400	500	500	5-pr. ct	501
Bombay Flour Mill	4,000	500	500	50	1,200
Deccan Paper Mill's	1,000	500	500	5-pr. ct.	205
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills	1,500	200	200	dvd Rs10	240
Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co. Ld.	2,500	250	250	8 pr. ct.	350
Emigrant Indian Life Ass. Co. Ld.	2,000	500	500	...	52
Indian Guarantee Surety Ship Assc.	5,000	100	100	10 pr. ct.	18
John Roberts & Co.	1,800	100	100	10 pr. ct.	175
Kemp & Co.	4,000	200	170		380
Kurrachee Landing Co.	500	500	300	30	183
Maroka & Co. Ld.	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs15	151
Napier Hotel Co.	2,000	100	100	9 pr. ct.	30
Napier Foundry Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance	1,000	100	200	...	60
Phillips & Co., Ld.	5,000	200	50	12 pr. ct.	132xd
Port Canning Co.	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs 6	76
Sandy & Co.	6,000	500	1,000	dvd Rs20	470
Trasoner & Co.	2,000	500	500	60	1,000
Thacker & Co.	1,500	100	100		188
Telephone Co.	9,200	251	100	dvd Rs11	26 1-

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

				Half yearly	
Ahmedabad adv.	700	1,000	400	Nil	750
Alliance	1,000	1,100	all	50	490
Anglo-Indian	1,345	...	00	Nil	45
Apollo unassessed & M. Co. Ld.	618	1,000	1,000	60	1,003
Bellary S. & W. Co. Ld. (Bellary)	871	60	all	9 per ct.	
Bombay United Cotton Manfg. Co.	900	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.40	700
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	900	500	500	dvd Rs.30	520
Bombay National Manfg. Co. Ld.	500	1,000	1,000		690
Britannia Mills Central India	1,000	500	1,000	dvd Rs.50	675
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.40	1,520xd
Colaba Mills Co.	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.30	775
Colaba Mills	600	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.50	950
City of Bombay Mills	6,000	100	100	9 pr. ct.	125
Connaught Mills	600	500	500	25	70
Colaba Land & Mills	4,000	700	...	dvd Rs.12	522 1 2
Goorla Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.25	575
Currimbhoy Mill	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.40	980
David Mill	1,400	500	500	dvd Rs.25	515
India Ginning and Pressing Co., Ld.	400	250	all	dvd Rs.20	250
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Empress	2,100	500	500	dvd 25	5574
Framjee Petit	1,250	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.30	980
Hindusan	873	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.33	665
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Howard and Hollingsworth	1,500	500	500	25	690
Hope Mills	500	1,000	1,000	50	930
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	40	990
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	dvd Rs.15	475xd
Indian Manfg.	1,000	1,000	1,000	no dvd	1,030
Indo-China Manufacturing Co. Ld	700	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.50	775
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Jaffer Sons	600	500	500	dvd Rs.20	730
Jamshedmanufacturing Co.	1,800	250	250	dvd Rs.74	315
Jeevraj Balloo	1,000	1,000	1,000	no dvd	750
Jubilee Mills Co. Ld.	843	1,000	1,000	20	550
Khandesh	750	1,500	1,000	dvd Rs.30	900
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Khatao Makanjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.25	575
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LakmidasSpinning & Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.50	1,000
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Maheluxmee	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	400
Mahloom Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.50	1,000
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Manockjee Petit	4,00	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 70	2,625
Masagon	5,000	250	250	dvd Rs. 5	1032
Meerjee Sugar Mills	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.55	2070
Mysore & M. Co., Ld	4,000	250	250	dvd Rs.15	230
Madura Mills	7,779	100	100	Nil	par
National	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	525
New Great Eastern	1,400	1,000	1,000	1 s. 20	400
Oriental	5,725	625	625	dvd Rs20	325
Presidency Mills Co. (Ld).	742	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs40	1,270
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Southern India	1,000	500	500	15	265
Southern Mahratta	1,212	250	250	dv Rs.12½	350
Sun Mills, Ld.	1,300	250	250	Rs.50	270
Standard Mills Co.	1,600	500	500	15	305
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	60
Swadeshi Mills	3,000	500	500	dvd Rs.20	600xd
Samoon and Alliance	3,000	500	5	0 dvd Rs.12	38
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	600	1,000	1,000	50	515
Union Mills Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.30	98
Venishunker Lukhmidhunker Co. Mill Co. Ld.	900	500	900	dvd Rs40	410x1
Victoria Mills	550	1,000	1,000	Nil	400
Western India	1,200	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.50	675
Wadhwan City Ginning Pressing & Manufacturing Co. Ld.	400	250	all	dvd Rs15	25
Wadia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	..	..

PRICES OF BULLION.

Sovereigns	Rs. 15-2-6
Carolus	"
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	Terms.	Rate.
London Banas	On demand	1s. 3 29-32d.
Do. do.	Telegraphic	1s. 3 29-32 l.
Do. do.	2 Months sight	1s. 4d.
Do. do.	4 Do. do.	1s. 4 1-32d.
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Paris	On demand	1-71
Do.	60 Do.	d.
Calcutta	At sight	100 1-32
Do.	10 days	do.
Do.	20 days	do.
Madras	At sight	d.
Do.	10 days	do.
China	30 days	do. 137 & 146

The removal of thick incrustations of dirt and varnish from the old wood work above the counter and doors of the northern porch of Wodehouse's Library by rubbing it up for Easter shows how thickly penetrated with a great variety of insects and bears ballet marks to this day.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 33m. Sun sets, 6h. 21m. High water, 5-33m., 6-10s. Low water, 0-35m., 11-46s.
P. and O. s. s. Ganges, with English mails of the 15th instant, due to arrive, noon.
Royal Bombay Yacht Club races.
Music at the Victoria Gardens, 5-45 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 5h. 33m. Sun sets, 6h. 21m. High water, 7-3m., 7-12s. Low water, 1-23m., 1-1s.

POSTAL NOTICE.—With effect from to-day, the charges on foreign money orders and British postal orders will be regulated at offices in the Town of Bombay by Schedule 6, viz., Is. 3 3-4d. per rupee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—To-morrow being the anniversary of the Wesleyan Sunday School, Colaba Causeway, special children's services will be held, at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., in the Wesleyan Church.

FIRE AT MALLET BUNDER.—On Thursday, a fire broke out in a large stack of coal, belonging to Mr. Jewraj Baloo, at Mallet Bunder. The fire was extinguished by a hose attached to a standpipe. The damage is estimated at Rs. 800. The origin of the fire is not known.

THE WATER-SUPPLY.—Owing to the accidental fall of a sluice at the J. J. Hospital, the water-supply was cut off in some parts of the town, yesterday. Mr. Martin Bruce, the Water Engineer, drafted a staff of workmen to the sluice to repair the damage, and it is expected that the service will be maintained as usual to-day.

THE LATE DR. LISBOA.—To-morrow (Sunday), being the anniversary of the death of Dr. J. C. Lisboa, there will be held in the Church of N. S. de Saude, in Caves Lane, at 7 p.m., a Gregorian service, and will be followed by a Requiem mass at 7 a.m., on Monday, the 2nd, for the repose of the soul of the deceased. Similar services will be held in Poona, in the Church of N. S. de Conceigao, at precisely the same hours.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—The feast of the Holy Cross at the oratory at Matharpacady, the novenas of which are being kept up from Sunday last, takes place on Wednesday, the 3rd proximo. There will be a solemn service held on the 2nd, at 7 p.m., when the Rev. Father Bender, S. J., Vicar of St. Anne's Church, Byculla, will preach. On the 3rd the service will begin at 7-15 p.m. The president of the feast is Master M. F. Valladares.

PROWS SUNK.—On Thursday afternoon, prow No. 4707, laden with five hundred bags of rice, was lying alongside the steamship Khandalla, when she swamped and sank owing to the strong tide and wind that were prevailing at the time. The tindal, Goolam Hoosein Baloo Meya, and his crew were saved by climbing up the steamer by a rope.—A quarter-of-an-hour after another prow, laden with forty tons of coal, going alongside the same vessel, was also swamped and sank, but the tindal and crew were rescued.

PARSEE CONCERT.—Mr. Bamonji N. Kabraji has organized a grand concert in aid of the Parsee Distress Relief Fund, in which upwards of seventy-five ladies and gentlemen are to take part. The Gujerati concert is interspersed with English music by the well-known Kharas family, the members of which had once or twice before appeared in the Town Hall, when their performances were thoroughly enjoyed by the public. Nearly seven hundred seats are provided for the public in the Town Hall. A reference to the advertisement in another column on the subject will give further particulars.

MUSIC AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—By permission of Major S. Gore Brown and officers, the Band of the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers will play the following programme at the Victoria Gardens, this evening, at 5-45 :—

March	Fille de Madame Angot	Lecocq
Overture	Zanetta	Auber
Selection	The Bohemian Girl	Balfe
Valse	The Pery	Maffiggiani
Song	A Hunting Scene	P. Bucalossi
Polka	Iris	Farrel

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

STABBING A BROTHER.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. W. Webb, Third Presidency Magistrate, Atmaji, a mahratta, was charged by Constable Tapsell with stabbing his brother, Dhakoo Atmaji, with a pocket-knife on the 29th March. Mr. Nicholson, Government Solicitor, prosecuted. It appeared from evidence that some difference arose between the two brothers owing to Dhakoo having offered to pay off a creditor of Sonoo. Accused, who was then drunk, got excited and stabbed him in the throat. The accused having pleaded guilty, the magistrate, he was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

SLIGHT INJURY PROVING FATAL.—A coroner's inquiry was held, yesterday, at the J.J. Hospital, touching the death of Krishna Satoo, a labourer, aged fifty-five years, residing at Nowroji Hill. About twenty days ago, deceased, who had been segregated in a cholera hut, returned to his chawl and commenced cleanning it. He swept the floor, and as he was putting the kutchra in a basket, a piece of glass cut his left finger. He applied some household remedies and was doing well until four days ago, when symptoms of tetanus supervened. He was then moved to the J. J. Hospital, where he died on Thursday last. A verdict of accidental death in accordance with the above facts was recorded.

THEFT OF TEMPLE ORNAMENTS.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. W. Webb, Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Shaikh charged Popat Manekshankar, worshipper in a Hindu temple at Essaji Street, Mandvie, with stealing ornaments, valued at about Rs. 1,200, from the idol in the temple, in January last. Mr. S. B. Kapadia, pleader, defended the accused. The defence of the accused was that he had got the ornaments made out of the proceeds of his father's share in the income of the temple and which share his father had assigned to him. The accused having failed to substantiate his statement was sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment, and the ornaments were ordered to be returned to the complainant Hariram, the custodian of the temple.

CLEVER THEFT FROM THE MINT.—At the Esplanade Police Court, before M. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Constable Patterson charged Doora Singa, a Rajput, in Mint, with theft of two small pieces of silver, belonging to Her Majesty. Mr. James Brown, a warder of the mint, deposed that the accused worked amongst the silver. On Wednesday last, at 5 p.m., accused was as usual searched by six jamadars before he allowed him to pass as having nothing in his possession. When he came to the door the witnesses' havildar asked him to show the bidees he had in his hand. The accused having hesitated to do so, the havildar took the bidees from him and found two of them hard, broke them, and found a piece of silver in each, valued in all at eight annas. The accused was convicted and sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment.

ALLEGED SALE OF AN OBSCENE BOOK.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. W. Webb, Third Presidency Magistrate, Khemraj Shri Krisonadas, proprietor of the Venkateshwar Press, and another were again charged with selling and possessing a book, entitled "Kam Ratnam," alleged to be an obscene book. Mr. Smith, of Messrs Little and Co., solicitors, prosecuted; while Mr. Payne, solicitor, and Mr. Mokas, pleader, defended. Inspector Franji Bhicaji of the Criminal Investigation Department, cross-examined by Mr. Payne, said that one Munshi Shahbudin accompanied him when he went to the accused's press for inspection. Witness declined to give the name of his informant, and said that Shahbuddin was not his informant. Shahbuddin did not instigate the police to institute these proceedings, but the police acted on their own motion. We were surprised to find that Shahbuddin was the original informant of the police. Further evidence having been recorded, the case was adjourned.

THE SEARCH NOT MADE IN THE PRESENCE OF A PANCH.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, C. De Souza, a driver on the B. B. and C. I. Railway, was charged by Mr. Alfred Walker, Assistant Collector of Abkari, with conveying country-liquor from Bandora to Bombay contrary to the provisions of the Abkari Act, Mr. De Souza, pleader, defended the accused. It appeared that he was seen on the platform of the Bandora station handing a bottle of country-liquor to the accused, who put it into his khana box on the engine. A sub-inspector, accompanied by an Abkari peon, happened to be present at Colaba station in the same train of which the accused was the driver. When the train stopped at Colaba the sub-inspector went up to the engine and removed the bottle. He next reported the accused to the stationmaster. Mr. De Souza contended on behalf of the accused that the search was not made in the presence of a Punch in accordance with the provisions of the Abkari Act. The magistrate took the same view of the case, and giving the accused the benefit of the doubt, discharged him.

FATALLY INJURED BY A RUNAWAY HORSE: THE OWNER CENSURED.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an Inquiry, yesterday, at the Cooperage Hospital, touching the death of Dhakoo Gunnoo, aged twenty-five years, a labourer employed in a thread factory at Chuckla, and residing in the Segregation Camp at Kennedy Sea Face. The deceased was one of the ten persons who had been knocked down by a runaway horse attached to a landau, belonging to Mr. Runchordas Harridas, on the previous day. On admission into the hospital Dhakoo was found to have sustained three big abrasions on the body and fracture of two ribs on the right side, besides a displacement of the spinal bone. He grew worse and died on Thursday afternoon. It was stated that while being driven in a shigram two days previously at Malabar Hill, the animal exhibited similar freaks and broke the footboard of the carriage. The jury returned a verdict that the death of the deceased was caused by fracture of two ribs, the result of his having been accidentally knocked down and run over by a runaway horse in a landau, and the jury by a majority of three to two were of opinion that the horse ought not to have been in charge of the master, Mr. Runchordas, as it had two days previously smashed the footboard of a shigram belonging to him.

BATHING FATALITY TO AN R. A.: GUNNER.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, coroner, held an Inquiry, yesterday, at the Station Hospital, Colaba, touching the death of George Phillips, aged twenty-five years, a gunner belonging to the 28th Company, Southern Division, Royal Artillery, who had been drowned on the previous evening while bathing in the sea off the Cross Island, Fort. The deceased was a very steady man, and had been in the army for the last six years and four days. On Wednesday, deceased and eleven men of his company were at the Cross Island, Fort. About 5 o'clock in the evening, while Bombardier Joseph Muller and Gunner George Lamax were bathing in the sea off the Fort, the deceased was seen coming down the steps quite naked, and was apparently going to bathe. The lowest steps leading into the sea were slimy and slippery. Suddenly Phillips was seen struggling in the water, but it was not known whether he had slipped off the steps or had jumped into the sea. He had never before been seen in the water, and no none of the men could say whether he could swim. Gunner George Lamax, who was nearer to him than the others, swam to his rescue, but as the sea was rather choppy he could not see the deceased properly until he came within striking distance of him, when the latter sank. Lamax swam to the spot where deceased sank, expecting him to rise to the surface, but within a few seconds noticed the deceased rise to the surface of the water about forty yards off. Lamax then dashed towards him, but before he could reach the deceased the latter sank and never rose to the surface again. Gunner McMullin, who was in the Fort at the time, hearing the alarm, also jumped after the deceased, but the latter sank before assistance could reach him. On the following day the dead body of the deceased was found lying amongst the rocks off the Cross Island, Fort. It was removed and placed into a boat. A telephonic message was immediately sent to Colaba, and a master gunner arrived at the Fort in a launch. The boat, with the body, was then towed to Colaba. It was alleged that deceased had been subject to fits, but none of his comrades knew this of their own knowledge. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death by drowning while bathing in the sea.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

WARDS.	No. of Attacks.	No. of Deaths from Bubonic Plague.	Total Deaths from all Causes.
A	Upper Colaba	0	0	5
	Mid. & Lower Colaba	0	0	
	Fort, Southern	0	0	
	Fort, Northern	0	1	
	Esplanade	0	0	
B	Mandvie	1	2	25
	Chuckla	0	1	
	Umarkhady	2	0	
	Dongri	1	0	
	Market	2	0	
C	Bhoti Talao	1	0	16
	Fanaswady	0	1	
	Bhuleshwar	0	1	
	Khara Talao	0	0	
	Kumbarwada	1	0	
D	Khetwady	2	0	12
	Girgaum	1	0	
	Chowpatty	0	1	
	Walkeshwar	0	7	
	Mahaluxmi	1	0	
E	Mazagon	4	0	20
	Tarwady	0	0	
	Second Nagpada	0	2	
	Kamathipura	0	2	
	Tardeo	1	2	
	Byculla	2	0	
	First Nagpada	0	0	
F	Parel	8	0	9
	Sewree	0	1	
	Sion	5	3	
G	Mahim	5	3	9
	Worlee	3	1	
	Water Division	0	1	3
	N.-E. & Unknown	12	0	
HOSPITALS.				
	Parsee		0	
	Jain		0	
	Grant Road		0	
	St George's		1	
	Modh and Porwad		0	
	Wari Bunder		0	
	Adamjee Peerbhoy		0	
	Jaio, Parel		0	
	Telagu		0	
	B B & C I Ry Camp.		0	
	Hindu		0	
	Dharavi		0	
	Arthur Road		0	
	Bene-Israel		0	
	Custom Road		0	
	Gooculdas Tejpal		0	
	Dariasthan		0	
	Mahimkhana		0	
	Modykhana		0	
	3rd Bhoiwada		0	
	Byculla S. Camp		1	
	Bai Motlabai		0	
	Khoja		0	
	Madanpura		0	
	Pathara Pratha		0	
	Kapol & Lad Joint		0	
	Police		0	
	Cutchi-Memon		0	
	Govt. House, Parel		0	
	Maratha		1	
	Total	58	47	144
Total plague deaths to date		29,261	25,464	
Total same date last year		35	29	104

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

These reports showed that in the Mandvie ward two cases and five deaths were recorded. In C ward (south), Market, Dhobie Talao, and Fanaswady sections, two cases were detected and no deaths registered. In the same ward (north), Kumbarwada, Khara Talao, and Bhuleshwar, one case and three deaths were registered. The E ward, which comprises Byculla, Masagon, Nagpada, Kamatipura, and Tardeo sections, showed three cases and three deaths. In the Parel and Mahim wards five cases were detected and removed to hospitals.

SEGREGATION CAMPS.

There were, yesterday, 610 persons in the Goculdas Tejpal Camp, and 592 persons in the Churney Road Camp.

INFLUX AND EXODUS.

During the twenty-four hours ending 6 a.m., yesterday, the number of persons who left Bombay and entered the city by sea and land was as follows :—Arrivals by sea 1,881, and by land through Mahim and Sion causeways 2,158, making a total of 4,039 persons. Departures by sea 1,535, and by land through Mahim and Sion causeways 2,304, making a total of 3,839 persons.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Jubada, 2,133 tons, Captain J F Tyndal, cleared yesterday for Aden, Jeddah, &c., with a general cargo, and 25 deck passengers.

THE Austrian Lloyd's S N Co's s s Marquis Bacquehem, 1,113 tons, Captain G Wallushing, sailed yesterday for China and Japan, with a general cargo, and Mr W M Masterson and 5 deck passengers.

THE s s Falkland, 1,875 tons, Captain Main, arrived in harbour yesterday from London (21st March) via Karachi with a general cargo, and 572 packages gun powder. The Vessel is consigned to Messrs Finlay, Muir and Co.

THE BISN Co's s s Dwarka, 759 tons, Captain J C Tice, will sail to-day for Karachi, with a general cargo, and the following passengers :—Lieut V de Van Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. G Graham, Sergt and Mrs Hodges and two children and 73 deck.

THE s s Arab, 2,674 tons, Captain N K Wills, sailed yesterday for Marseilles, &c., with a general cargo and the following passengers ;—Lieut E C Corbyn, Lieut Spence, Lieut Silons, Surg-Captain A E, Milner, Mr H Firth, Mr R G Whittle Mrs Whittle, and two Infants.

THE s s Kh Errant, 4,747 tons, Captain T. Williams, arrived in harbour on Thursday, from Cardiff (3rd April), with a cargo of 9,055 tons of coal, and the following passenger :—Captain and Mrs Remington and 2 infants, Miss Ashford, Mrs Royal, Mr T Conry, and Mrs Asman Walley. The vessel is consigned to Messrs Killick Nixon and Co.

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—APRIL 29.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
A	Imperialist	2177	Gladstone	Hamburg		F M & Co
	Castello	2330	Brenham	Hull	30-4	F M & Co
E	Johannesberger	1847	Miller	Karachi	30-4	Glade & Co
G	Sindhana	3274	Collins	N F		M M & Co
	S. J. Caspian	1441	Hall	Mauritius		H Joosub
K	Akbar	1441	Baldwin	Mauritius		H C Joosub
L	Bg Parvady	458	Junghans	Mauritius		V Ebraham
M	Hambleton	2932	Riley	Moncton	4-5	Bombay Co
O	Beira	2612	Bean	Antwerp	4-5	J M & Co
P	St Giles	2201	Fortay	Marseilles		J M & Co
Q	Cornwall	3316	Purkiss	Plymouth	30-4	W & Co
	30 tons Crane,					
	Afghan	1439		N F		H C Joosub

HARBOUR WALL.

Sabarmati	524		S & Co
Ponani	552	Ahmed	N F S & Co
Bahadari	829	Adum	N F S & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
1	The De La Reunion	2326	Person	Marseilles	5-5	J M & Co
2	Britannia	1269	Turner	Liverpool	30-4	W A G & Co
3	Serra	1838	Bastick	Marseilles	30-4	P & O S N Co
5	Bombay	2048	Saunders	China	P & O S N Co	
6	Arab	2764	Wills	Marseilles	30-4	B N Co
7	Imperator	3220	Nicolich	Trieste	1-5	A L S N Co
8	M Bacquehem	2740	Wallsching	China	29-4	A L S N Co
9	Arica	1907	Demay	Hamburg	N F	M & Co
10	Goodwin	2322	Kerr	Marseilles	30-4	F M & Co
12	Stanley Hall	2659	Buck	Liverpool	1-5	K N & Co
13	Egypt	1179	Brierson	London	6-5	P & O S N Co
15	Clyde	2198	Denny	Aden	30-4	P & O Co
16	Neptune	2178	Walters		7-5	K N & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Dwarka	759	Tice	Karachi 30-4 M M & Co

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Warora	3969 tons gross	M M & Co

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ARRIVALS.

April	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
28	Kt Errant's	Williams	Cardiff, April 3
29	Falkland's	Main	Marseilles, March 21
	Melpomene's		Trieste

DEPARTURES.

April	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
29	Thames's	Tocque	London
	Jubeda's	Tyndall	Jeddah
	Arab's	Wills	Marseilles
	Marq Bacquhem's	Wallusching	Kobe, &c
	Mahammudi's	Erikson	Jeddah
	Secundra's	Allen	Calcutta. &c

The steamer Dwarka, Captain Tice, obtained her port-clearance yesterday for Karachi.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 29.

THE declaration of war between America and Spain gave an immediate impetus to the demand for Wheat and Seeds here, and throughout the week these markets have been strong and active with an advance in prices and also a considerable increase in the daily arrivals from the districts. In Cotton business has been on an improved scale, and, though generally steady, prices have fallen Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 per candy, closing this evening at the lower level. The business reported during the week in Exchange has been moderate, and as against last Friday's rates have dropped 3-16d. for Bank and 7-32d. for Private Paper. In the Money market there is less strain. Government Paper continued in the weak and declining state which the close of last week witnessed, but a spurt in the middle of the week sent up prices to some extent, and this evening they are given at an advance of 2 1-8 per cent. for 3 1-2 per Cents, but are unchanged for 3 per Cents. Freights are a strong market, with an active enquiry both ready and forward. Lines have been placed to continental ports for immediate shipment and also for May-June. In Imports there has been a moderate enquiry, without any quotable change in prices.

MONEY.—A further increase of some 28 lakhs in the Cash Balance of the Bank of Bombay, as disclosed by the Bank's Return issued on Monday, made it stand on Saturday last at 119 3-4 lakhs, as against an increase in the preceding week of 22 lakhs at 91 3-4 lakhs. In Public Deposits at the Head Office there was an increment of some 6 1-2 lakhs, and of 8 lakhs at the Branches, while Private Deposits increased by nearly 9 lakhs. To Loans there was an addition of 1 1-2 lakh, and the Balances with other Banks were higher by a little under 1 lakh. On the other hand, from Government Securities withdrawals took place of 2 1-2 lakhs, and of 5 1-2 lakhs from Bills Discounted and purchased.

The strain in the market has meanwhile lessened. The Bank's rate is unchanged at 13 per cent., and that in the open market at 15 per cent.

EXCHANGE.—The market opened with a steady feeling on Saturday last at 1s. 4 1-16d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 3-32d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 11-32 to 3-8d. for three months' sight Credits. Business was reported to a moderate extent; Merchants' Bills were offered in but small quantity, and the enquiry for Bank Paper was meagre. On Monday rates were given at 1s. 4 1-16d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 3-32d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 3-8d. for three months' sight Credits. Merchants' Bills were scarce; while for Bank remittance, both ready and forward, there was a better enquiry. The market was quiet in tone on Tuesday at 1s. 4d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 1-32d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 9-32d. for three months' sight Credits. Merchans' Bills were again scarce; there was a speculative enquiry for Bank Wire from the Bazaar, and rates receded to 1s. 4d. for Demand, and 1s. 3 31-32d. for Telegraphic. Later on re-sales came in the market, and a few Mercantile Bills were offered. On Wednesday quotations were given at 1s. 4d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 1-32d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 1-4d. for three months' sight Credits. At the latter rate a moderate amount was reported, but for Bank Paper the enquiry was small. The market was quiet in tone yesterday at 1s. 4d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 1-4d. for three months' sight Credits. A good enquiry set in for near forward Bank Wire, and rates hardened 1-16d. all round. A fair amount of business was reported both ways. To-day, 1s. 3 15-16d. was quoted at opening for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 5-32d. for three months' sight Credits. Merchants' Bills were scarce, and there was again an enquiry for Bank remittance a little way forward. Re-sales came in the market afterwards and rates steadied. We quote at closing:—

Bank Bills on Demand...1s. 3 29-32d. per rupee.
" Telegraphic ...1s. 3 29-32d. "
Credits 3 months' sight...1s. 4 5-32d. "
Francs ..... 170 1-2 "

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—Steady in tone last mail day, the market opened at 92 3-4 for Money, and 93 for Account, for 3 1-2 per Cents, with 87, nominal, for 3 per Cents. Rates advanced on Monday 5-8 to 7-8 per cent. for 3 1-2 perCents, 93 5-8 having been quoted for both Money and Account, in an active market. The market was steady on Tuesday at a slight decline in rates, 93 1-4 having been named for Money, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 93 1-2 for Account, with 87 for Threes. On Wednesday rates recovered to the extent of 3-8 to 5-8 per cent., 93 7-8 having been quoted both for Money and Account, for 3 1-2 per Cents; Threes remained at 87. There was further advance in rates yesterday to 94 5-16 for both Money and Account, for 3 1 2 per Cents, Threes being unchanged at 87. The enhanced rate of 94 5-8 has been quoted to-day for both Money and Account, for 3 1-2 per Cents, while 87, nominal, has continued to be named for 3 per Cents.

SHARES have been neglected, and the few changes in quotations we have to report this evening are exclusively in Mill Scrip. As shown in our revised list, there has been a decline of Rs. 15 each in Standard Mills and Western India Mill; Rs. 35 in Lakhmidas; Re. 1 1-4 in Mazagon; and an advance of Rs. 35 in Manockjee Petit, and Rs. 5 in Curimbhoy.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—An average amount of business has been done during the past week in "Grey Goods," the demand running particularly on light makes of "Shirtings, Jacconets," and "Mulls." Prices are generally unaltered, and Stocks much the same as before. Dealers appear to be more anxious to sell. In "Bleached Goods" large transactions have taken place in "Mulls" "Nainsooks," and "Jacconets." For "Dyed," "Turkey-Red," "Printed," and "locally-made Goods" the enquiry has been moderate, a small business transpiring at current rates. The clearances of "Imported Goods" for the bazaar during the week have been 3,000 packages, and of "local" some 1,300 bales.

YARNS.—China buyers have operated to only a limited extent, and the market here is very quiet. In China makes the sales have been few, while up-country makes are in moderate demand. Rates show a tendency to decline; official quotations are given as follows:—

Twist	No. 6s	Mule,	As.	3 3-4	to 4 3-8 per lb.
"	" 8s	"	"	3 7-8	" 4 1-2 "
"	" 10s	"	"	4 3-4	" 5 "
"	" 12s	"	"	4 1-8	" 4 3-4 "
"	" 16s	"	"	4 5-8	" 5 -38 "
"	" 20s	"	"	5 7-8	" 6 3-8 "
"	" 24s	"	"	5 3-4	" 6 3-8 "
"	" 30s	"	"	6 1-2	" 7 "
"	" 40s	"	"	7 1-4	" 8 "

METTAS.—In presence of a moderate enquiry, the market has been quiet, and prices are unchanged.

COAL.—No business of importance has been reported, beyond some re-sales of "Deshagur Bengal," which took place from ready steamers in the harbour, at Rs. 15 per ton, and for June-July shipment at Rs. 14 1-4 per ton. The market closes quiet; we quote alongside:—

	Ready.		Forward.	
Welsh Hartley.....	Nil.		Nil.	
West "	Nil.	Rs.	17	per ton.
Australian.....	Nil.		Nil.	
Powell's	Rs. 19	per ton.	"	18 "
Cardiff.....	" 19	"	"	18 "
Japan	Nil.		Nil.	
Bengal	" 15 1-4	"	"	14 "
Singareni	" 13 3-1	"	"	13 3-4 "
Seetpore.....	" 14	"	"	14 "
Sanctoria	Nil.	"	"	Nil. "
Deshagur	" 15 1-4	"	"	14 "

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—The demand for this staple has been moderately large, and so far as shippers are concerned shows an improvement, the purchases on their account having been larger, while the Mills have also operated on a somewhat increased scale. Prices have dropped Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 per candy. To-day prices have been maintained at the lower level, and only a small business has transpired in a quiet market.

The Receipts of Cotton of the new crop into Bombay during the week have been 69,500 bales, compared with 55,500 bales in the corresponding week last year, and 75,000 bales last week, the total falling off in the arrivals as against last year's being now 10,000 bales.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without commission, viz.:—

	Per Candy	Per lb. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Rs.	116—3 5-32d.
Do. Fully Good	"	139—3 1-16d.
Do. Good	"	131—2 31-32d.
Bolatee, Fine.....	"	147—3 3-16d.
Do. Fully Good	"	139—3 1-8d.
Khandesh, Fully Good	"	143—3 1-8d.
Oomra, Fully Good	"	149—3 7-32d.
Dhollera, Fine	"	139—3 3-8d.
Do. Fully Good	"	150—3 7-32d.
Do. do.	"	148—3 5-16d.
Do. do. 25 May	"	160—3 3-8d.
S. G. Dharwar, Good	"	150—3 3-8d.
Westerns	"	151—3 9-32d.
Broach, Fine.....	"	164—3 7-16d.
Do. do.	"	162—3 13-32d.

The Arrivals of New Crop Cotton into Bombay this season, as compared with last, are as follows:—

	Season. 1897-98. F. P. Bales.	Season. 1896-97. F. P. Bales.
Bengals	164,500	232,000
Berar	348,000	275,000
Khandeish.....	231,500	220,000
Barsee and Nuggur	79,500	51,500
Hingunghat	9,000	10,000
Persian and Sind.....	12,500	14,000
Broach	103,500	110,500
Dhollera	83,500	124,000
Compta and Dharwar	9,500	22,500
	1,085,500	1,095,500

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the previous two years:—

Receipts.	1898. Bales.	1897. Bales.	1896. Bales.
For the week	69,136	56,300	80,000
From 1st Jan. to 28th April.....	939,023	870,983	1,181,280
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week	6,375	20,679	17,426
From 1st Jan. to 28th April	175,095	307,446	421,536
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta &c.			
For the week	1,971	21,713	703
From 1st Jan. to 28th April.....	145,409	233,527	139,670

WHEAT AND SEEDS.—In Wheat as well as in Seeds there has been an advance all round in prices, in a Strong market. "Bold Linseed" is 4 ans. per cwt., higher; "White Gingelly," 6 1-2 ans.; "Mixed Gingelly," 4 ans.; "Yellow Guzerat Rapeseed," 8 ans.; White Pessy Wheat, 91 per cent., 4 ans., and 85 per cent., 6 ans.

The comparative of Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows:—

	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.	1896. Cwts.
Wheat for the week	204,155	27,511	178,919
Do. from 1st January to 28th April	1,342,664	411,335	1,098,588
Linseed for the week	50,657	20,401	141,320
Do. from 1st January to 28th April	504,398	113,939	2,100,083
Rapeseed for the week ...	81,015	89,741	29,312
Do. from 1st January to 28th April	540,478	1282,831	370,887
Gingeliyseed for the week	21,214	8,252	11,317
Do. from 1st January to 28th April	671,022	340 367	792,400

The Clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.	1896. Cwts.
Wheat for the week	135,452	...	6,000
Do. from 1st January to 28th April	664,330	811	388,947
Linseed for the week	62,425	10,626	12,814
Do. from 1st January to 28th April.....	897,342	134,294	1,405,957
Rapeseed for the week ...	19,031	35,199	31,213
Do. from 1st January to 28th April.....	331,848	208,632	334,019
Gingeliysseed for the week	7,700	8,389	13,700
Do. from 1st January to 28th April	853,372	293,827	870,408

DIVINE SERVICE.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, MAY 1.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
6-30 and 8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral)—Agutter in G. Hymns Introit 11, 411, Ayo Vernon Gounod, and 194.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon—Hymns 297, 301 and 302. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.—Simper in F.
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m., and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

7-30a.m.—Matins and Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

(Colaba Afghan Memorial Church,
7 a.m.—Matins and Sermon (Parade Service).
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Hymns 5, 315 and 221.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 240, 435 and 395.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Waudby Road, Esplanade).

6 p.m.—Evening Service and Holy Communin.—Hymn 233, 178 and 25. Psalms 23 and 103.
8 a.m.—Joint Service in St. Andrew's Church.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.

(Colaba Causeway).

Sunday School Anniversary.
8 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Children's Services by Rev. G. C. Walker

(Byculla, Victoria Gardens).

9-30 a.m.—Service by Mr. F. R. Atkins.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Service by Mr. F. R. Atkins.

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9-15 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. I. F. Row.
Wednesday, 6 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

GRANT ROAD CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Sunday School.
8-45 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Sermons by Rev. W. H. Stephens.
Wednesday, 6 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.

(Near School of Art).

Incumbent.—Rev. C. Gilder.
8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion and Sermon.—Hymns 176, 191 and 318.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.—Hymns 301, 290 and 230.
The offertories for church expenses and poor relief.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon by Rev. W. G. Peel.—Hymns 513, 202 and 388.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, and Sermon by Rev. W. G. Peel.—Hymns 533, 190 and 334.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

6-30 a.m.—Matins.
7 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral).
6 p.m.—Evensong (Caoral) and Sermon by Rev. Father Gardiner.
Alms for general expenses.
Daily 6-30 and 7 a.m., and 8 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Choral Communion—Hymns 411, 329, 315 and 445.
4-15 p.m.—Children's Service.—Hymns 334 332 and 329.
6 p.m.—Choral Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 411, 132 and 437.

BAPTIST CHURCH, BELASSIS ROAD.

(Opposite Byculla Club.)

8 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Pastor F. W. Dunstar will preach.
4-30 p.m.—Afternoon School with Bible Classes.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH.

6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PAREL.

(Madras time.)

6-30 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by Rev. W. H. Dixon.—Hymns 38, 181 and 238.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

8 a.m.—Morning Service.—Hymns 244, 6, 144, 129 and 125.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.—Hymns 147, 5137, 319 and 319

BANK OF BENGAL.

The following is the Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Bengal, for the week ending 19th April, 1898, as compared with the Statement of 13th April, 1898:—

LIABILITIES.	April 13, Rs. A. P.	April 19, Rs. A. P.
Capital paid up	2,35,00,000 0 0	2,00,00,000 0 0
Reserve Fund	35,50,000 0 0	85,50,000 0 0
Public Deposits, &c.....	1,75,93,396 8 0	1,61,21,742 11 10
Other Deposits, &c.....	4,21,53,498 13 6	4,35,25,879 5 10
Bank Post Bills, &c.....	3,31,305 4 4	3,33,951 15 11
Sundries	26,44,203 8 4	27,75,585 5 3
Rs.	9,11,22,693 2 2	9,15,07,059 6 10
ASSETS.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Government Securities ..	31,13,887 0 0	25,51,560 0 0
Other authorised Investms.	75,00,840 0 0	74,51,830 0 0
Loans on Govt. and other Authorised Securities ..	2,25,31,019 13 2	2,25,98,807 15 5
Accounts of Credit do.	2,48,64,787 3 7	2,51,88,295 15 9
Bills Discounted, &c.	1,24,12,519 0 10	1,24,49 252 14 8
Balances with other Banks	9,52,875 3 8	8,13 8 8 11 1
Pullion	2,925 11 8	2,748 3 0
Dead Stock	13,14,791 4 8	13,13,135 1 8
Campa	10,980 5 0	11,161 5 8
Sundries	12,61 960 2 2	12,64 127 6 8
Cash, &c., at Head Office..	45,48,781 7 3	75,32,615 8 2
Do. at Branches ...	1,03,01,542 14 2	1,00,23,419 4 10
Rs.	9,11,22,693 2 2	9,15,07,059 6 10

The following is the Bank's Memorandum of Liabilities and Assets up to 19th April, 1898.

LIABILITIES.	Rs.	
Treasury Balance at Head Office.....	6,36,410	Inc.
Do. at Branches	18,08,664	Dec.
Other Deposits	13,72,181	Inc.
Post Bills	52,336	do.
ASSETS.		
Bank's Investments	2,07,837	Dec.
Loans	62,788	Inc.
Accounts of Credit	2,24,598	do.
Mercantile Bills.....	36,733	do.
Cash at Head Office.....	2,33,834	do.
Cash at Branches	5,76,443	Dec.

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

(Includes the Rajputana, Holkar, Scindia-Neemuch, Rewari-Ferozepore and Cawnpore-Achnera State Railways).

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 28th March 1898, on 1,673'33 Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings [estimated.]	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,02,000	2,92,000	4,000	3,98,000
Or, mile of Railway	61	175	2	238
For previous 11 weeks of half-year.	10,29,461	32,17,117

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE HISPANO-AMERICAN WAR.

INCREASING TONNAGE DUES IN AMERICA.

LONDON, APRIL 28.

Mr. Ritchie, in reply to a deputation of members of the House of Commons who are interested in shipping, said that Government was communicating with the Powers with a view to joint representations being made to the United States against the Bill introduced into Congress for increasing the tonnage dues eightfold.

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES QUESTION.

Mr. Chamberlain, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said he was not prepared to re-enact the Contagious Disease Ordinance in the Straits Settlements, but was conferring with the Governor as to whether other measures were possible to check contagious diseases.

THE PLAGUE IN CALCUTTA.

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IN CONFERENCE.

THE QUESTION OF SEGREGATION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 29.

A number of suspected cases of plague occurred in Calcutta yesterday and to-day, and several deaths have occurred, one being that of a young Jewess, who died, this morning, two days after attack.

The Lieutenant-Governor paid a visit, to-day, to the Eden Hospital, and took advantage of the opportunity to consult the leading medical practitioners of the city on the subject of the suspected plague in Calcutta. The meeting was private, but as the result of it was important, an announcement is to be made, at noon, to-morrow

The Government are busy preparing a statement which, while giving statistics of the recent suspected cases of plague in the city, will possibly indicate their views as to the precautions which they think should be taken to stamp out the disease.

If the question of segregation is chiefly engaging the attention of the authorities for some days past, an exodus of inhabitants has been going on which was very forcibly illustrated on Thursday, when over five hundred natives were refused tickets at the Howrah Railway Terminus. There is some doubt as to whether this exodus is due to fear of the plague itself or to the idea of segregation ; and it is this question which is perplexing the authorities most. It is possible that the Government will consent to permit persons stricken with the disease to remain in their houses, but to protect the healthy inhabitants those affected will be prevented from communicating with the outside public. These precautions are adopted with a view to meeting the wishes of those who on religious grounds object to open segregation ; and if so, it is understood that there is little reason to doubt that the authorities will agree to it.

LATER.

I hear privately, on goood authority, that a telegram has been received here from Professor Haffkine stating that the cultures sent to him contain true plague bacillus.

EXODUS OF THE PEOPLE.

There was a tremendous rush of native passengers at Howrah and Sealdah Railway stations to-night, all trying to leave Calcutta on account of the plague scare. At Howrah it is stated that the number of passengers since yesterday exceeds the avarage by several thousands, and hundreds have been turned away owing to the want of accommodation. At Sealdah the scene before the departure of Goalundo mail beggars description. Fully an hour before the departure of the train the drive to the station was blocked with a mass of conveyances of all descriptions ranging from gorgeous landaus to the humble ticka gharries.

The Railway authorities are quite unable to cope with the heavy traffic and many had to be turned away.

THE BIRTHDAY LEVEE.

SIMLA, APRIL 29.

His Excellency the Viceroy will hold the usual Birthday Levee at Simla on the 24th May.

PROHIBITION OF EMIGRANTS FROM SIND.

It is notified that no one who has been in Sind since the 25th March last shall be shipped as emigrant from any Indian port.

EXCHANGE COMPENSATION ALLOWANCE CASES OF GRIEVANCE.

The question regarding the principle which is to regulate the decision in cases of grievance in connection with Exchange compensation is still under consideration of the Government of India, and until this has been settled individual examples cannot be taken up. It is understood that the broad question at issue is whether the rule is to be strictly adhered to which limits the grant in case of Europeans appointed in India to those holding posts for which European qualifications have been specifically declared necessary, or whether a wider interpretation is to be adopted which will admit all Europeans against whom cause is not shown to the contrary.

THE NARASIMHASWAMI FAIR.

PROHIBITION OF RAILWAY TICKETS.

The sale of railway tickets to pilgrims from the Bombay Presidency and Hyderabad State proceeding to the Narasimhaswami Car Festival in Ananatipur, Madras, is prohibited as a precaution against plague.

MILITARY NEWS.

The following officers of the Bombay Army are admitted to the Staff Corps :—Lieutenant Nicolay, 17th Bombay Infantry ; and Second Lieutenants Cowan and Hutchinson, 93rd Bombay Infantry, Adair, 30th Bombay Infantry, and Rudkin, 20th Bombay Infantry.

The retirement of Surgeon-Lieut enant-Colonel Peacocke, Civil Surgeon, Karwar, is gazetted from the 14th proximo.

Mr. W. H. Scott is gazetted Second Lieutenant G. I. P. Ry. Volunteers.

Mr. R. W. Dunlop is gazetted Captain in the Bombay Volunteer Rifles, vice Cornforth, appointed Quartermaster.

Major Nicholetts, Berar Volunteers, resigns the Commission, but is permitted, on retirement, to retain the title and wear uniform.

The appointments of Col. O'M. Creagh to officiate for Brigadier-General Cunningham, on leave, and of Colonel A. G. Creagh to officiate for Brigadier-General Ventris, on leave, are gazetted.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S ORDERS.

Captain Purvise, 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry, officiates as A.D.C. to Major-General Hogg

Second Lieutenant Hicks, 21st Bombay Infantry, is appointed Officiating Wing Officer, 20th Bombay Infantry.

Lieut. Holbrooke is appointed Quartermarter, 24th Bombay Infantry, vice-Captain Twigg, vacated.

Major-General Nicholson, Commanding Mhow District, six months, on private affairs.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATION.

Finance Department—Mr. J. H. Biggs, Comptroller Indian Treasuries, is provisionally gazetted Accountant-General of Burma, but will continue to officiate as Accountant-General in Madras. Mr. G. H. Hart, now on leave, is gazetted Comptroller of Indian Treasuries while Mr. Rivett-Carnac becomes Deputy Auditor-General while officiating as Accountant General for Burma. Meanwhile Messrs. Biggs, Rivett-Carnac, Pudumjee, Wagle and Wollam are each gazetted for a step in substantive promotion in the department from 1st April.

Home Department—The services of Surgeon-Captain Jackson, Bombay, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Bombay Government.

Foreign Department—Surgeon-Major Pank, Residency Surgeon J. Mewar, is appointed Residency Surgeon, Jeypur, vice Brigade-Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel Hendley, appointed to Bengal.

Lieutenant-Colonel Yate, Agent to the Governor-General in Khorassan and Seistan, officiates as Resident, Western States, Rajputana, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Abbott, on furlough ; Major H. M. Temple, on return from furlough, officiating for Colonel Yate in Khorassan.

The officiating appointment, of Mr. G. C. Heinrichs as German Consul at Bombay is recognised.

The appointment of Mr. A. A. Anderton as Acting Portuguese Vice-Consul at Karachi during the absence Mr. Curjel is recognised.

Messrs. Jocob and. Robertson, who act for Messrs. Finlay and O'conor, respectively, have reached Simla, so has Mr. Meredith, who officiates as Deputy Commissioner, vice Mr. Thomson and Veterinary-Colonel Queripel head of the Civil Veterinary Department.

Mr. Bosanquet is expected on Monday to take up the Under-Secretary ship, Foreign, Department, when Mr. Lang will revert and Captain Bailey be probably posted to Central India.

The imports into British Baluchistan from Karachi of used garments, rags and waste paper is prohibited

THE PLAGUE IN THE PUNJAB.

FRACAS IN HOSHIARPUR DISTRICT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, APRIL 29.

A fracas has taken place at Garshankar, in Hoshiarpur district, between the police and the villagers. Garshankar has six thousand inhabitants ; and it appears that whilst the plague inspection was going on the villagers became decidedly hostile and advanced threateningly upon the investigating party.

The police guard, which accompanied the Government officers, thereupon fired a volley into the midst of the demonstrative villagers and several of them were wounded. No one was however, killed. The police were armed with the usual smooth-bore Snider, and there is every likelihood that the buckshot volley did no serious injury. The effect of firing by the police proved very successful, the villagers becoming at once quite peaceful and there was no subsequent interference with the inspecting party.

It is understood that the police fired on the people without being ordered to do so, which is in itself evidence that the attitude of the Garshankar villagers must have been dangerously hostile. The officer in charge of plague operations in Hoshiarpur, Major Inglis, was at Garshankar at the time of fracas. It is not known, however, whether Major Inglis was on the spot when the actual disturbance took place.

TWO MORE VILLAGES ATTACKED.

The plague still continues to spread in the Jullunder district, two fresh villages having been attacked within the last few days. There are now sixty-six villages on the plague list. The total number of cases has been 2,194; and deaths 1,282.

H. European Sanitary Inspector, employed on disinfection work at the village of Mahalgahla, has fallen a victim to the disease.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

POONA, APRIL 29.

Major Robinson, R. A., having been appointed to officiate as Assistant Adjutant-General on the District Staff in Bombay Command, is posted to Mhow District.

Under instructions received from the War Office, it is intimated that Lieutenant Baker is posted to No. 24 Company, Eastern Division, instead of No. 18 Company Western Division in the room, of Lieutenant Keddie, who has been transferred to the Home establishment whilst on leave. (Clause 2, Bombay Command Order No. 138, dated 115, March 1, 1898, is hereby cancelled.)

Under instructions received from the War Office, and with reference to Bombay Command Order No. 138 of 11th March 1898, it is intimated that Second Lieutenant Lough, No. 24 Company Eastern Division, has been transferred to the 46th Field Battery, R. A.

Admission of Staff pay is authorized to the undermentioned officers, whose services have been placed at the disposal of the Commissariat Transport Department, under provisions of para. 40 of the Field Service Departmental Code, Commissariat Transport :—Captain Hartigan, 2nd Bombay Grenadiers.

The undermentioned officers have been permitted by the Secretary of State for India to return to duty :—Captain (temporary Major) Montgomery, 1st Bombay Grenadiers ; Lieutenant Reilly, 1st Bombay Grenadiers ; Captain (temporary Major) Piers, 10th Bombay L. I. ; Captain Hatherill, 22nd Bombay Infantry ; and Surgeon-Lieutenant Gibbs, I. M. S.

The undermentioned officers are granted leave to proceed out of India, on private affairs, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the specified period to count from the date of being struck off duty :—Lieutenant Fraser, Adjutant, 4th Bombay Cavalry, for one year (pension service eleventh year commenced 4th May 1897) ; Lieutenant Grace Quarter-master, 5th Bombay Light Infantry, for one year. (pension service tenth year commenced 27th October 1897) ; Captain Mills, Wing Officer, 9th Bombay Infantry, for one year (pension service sixteenth year commenced 9th September 1897) ; Lieutenant Godfrey, Wing Officer ; 26th Bombay Infantry, for one year year (pension service seventh year commenced 2nd May 1897) ; and Lieutenant Dunscombe, Wing Officer, 28th Bombay Pioneers, for eight months (pension service eighth year commenced 8th October 1897).

The undermentioned officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate :—Lieutenant Dudgeon, Wing Officer, 25th Bombay Rifles, for 6 months (pension service sixth year commenced 3rd December 1897).

The undermentioned Honorary Commissioned Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate :—Honorary Lieutenant and Assistant Commissary Ezechiel, Commissariat Transport Department, for one year.

Erratum.—In Bombay Command Order No 134 of 1898, " for 9 months " opposite the name of Lieutenant Graham, 2nd Bo. Highland Light Infantry-read, "6 months.'

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—R. A.—Captain Elkington (Aide-de-Camp to Major-General Nicholson, Commanding Mhow District), 6 months, on private affairs, out of India. R. A.—Lieutenant Stobart, 34th F. B., 6 months, on private affairs, out of India. R. A.—Lieutenant Boger, 40th F. B., 6 months, on medical certificate, out of India. (This cancels the leave granted to this officer in Command Order No. 209, of 1898). Royal Irish Regiment (2nd Battalian)—Captain and Adjutant Davies,6 months, on private affair, out of India ; Major Lindsay, 9 months, on private affairs, out of India ; Lieutenant Lipsett, 8 months, on private affairs, out of India. Border Regiment (2nd Battalion)—Lieutenant Brooker, 12 months, on private affairs, out of India. Yorkshire Light Infantry (2nd Battalion)—Second Lieutenant Hall, 9 months, on medical certificate, out of India. Durham Light Infantry (2nd Bn.)—Captain Buck (Adjutant, 2nd Bn., B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps), from 25th April to 24th May 1898, on private affairs, to Matheran.

Extension—Border Regiment (2nd Bn.)—Captain Brooke, from 16th April to 2nd August 1898, on medical certificate, granted by the War Office, in extension of the leave granted in Command Order, No. 573 of 1897.

The 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry—Lieutenant Anderson, 6 months, on medical certificate, granted by the Secretary of State for India.

Merwara Bn.—Colonel N. R. Steward, one month and 14 days, on private affairs, granted by the Secretary of State for India.

Indian Medical Seivice—Surgeon Captain Johnston, 3 months, on medical certificate, granted by the Secretary of State for India.

Ordnance Department—Sub-Conductor Charlesworth till 1st June 1898, on urgent private affairs, granted by the Secretary of State for India.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO PRIVATE O'NEILL.

AN ACT OF SOMNAMBULISM.

Last night, Private O'Neill, of the Durham Light Infantry, rose in his sleep, walked out of the upper storey window of his barracks at Wanowrie, and fell down. He was immediately removed to the Station Hospital, where he lies in a precarious condition, the arms being severely injured. O'Neill came to India about a month ago with the last draft.

Mr. Stewart is going to rodiograph his arm in order to discover the injuries.

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

DISRAELI THE DERBY FAVOURITE.

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 29.

A telegram to the "Pioneer" dated London, Thursday, says :—In the race for the Two Thousand Guineas, Disraeli the winner started at 10 to 8 against. There were 14 starters. Disraeli is now favourite for the Derby.

MR. TEMPLETON AND HYDERABAD OFFICIALS.

SECUNDERABAD, APRIL 29.

The Government of India have declined to interfere concerning the charges made by Mr. Templeton, in connection with the Whittaker case, against certain Hyderabad officials. Mr. Templeton in December last submitted a petition to the Viceroy complaining of Mr. Plowden, Sir Vikar-ul-Oomrah, the Prime Minister and Dr. Lawrie. The Government of India has intimated that they are not prepared to deal otherwise than by ordinary process permitted by law, and that they see no reason to take any action on Mr. Templeton's representations regarding the treatment to which his servants had been exposed by the Moglai police.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LIVERPOOL, APRIL 28.

The Hall Line steamer Branksome Hall arrived from Karachi this afternoon.

PENANG, APRIL 29.

The Austrian Lloyds' steamer Gisela left this afternoon for Bombay.

COLOMBO, APRIL 29.

The P. & O. Company's steamer Chusan left here at 2 a.m. to-day, and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 6 a.m. on Monday next.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, APRIL 28.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.

Good Bhowanuggur	3d
2½ per cent. Consols	111 1-4
3 per cents. Rentes	102 1-4
Bar Silver	26 3-8
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	114

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday, show the following results:—Total Bullion, £31,800,000 ; Increase, £1,300,000 ; Public Deposits, £12,400,000 ; Decrease, £300,000 ; Other Deposits, £38,000,000 ; Increase, £140,000 ; Other Securities, £33,900,000 ; Decrease, £300,000 ; Notes and Gold, £21,000,000 ; Increase, £1,300,000. The Bank's Reserve is 42 per cent. of the liabilities.

TABLE TALK.

BY WALTER BESANT.

LONDON, APRIL 8.

It is reported that above 10,000 picture and works of Art have been sent in to the Freneh Salon this year. Of these, about 2500 will be accepted and exhibited. About the same number, probably, have been sent in to the Royal Academy. Taking all the other exhibitions together, there are about as many again, without counting the exhibitions of the Scottish and Irish Academies, the Berlin, Brussels, and other Continental Salons. There are thus at least 30,000 pictures offered for exhibition this year in London and Paris alone. It is, I suppose, impossible even to guess what becomes of those which are rejected. Are they sold ? One fears, not. Perhaps one hopes not. Why, then, do they go on painting and sending in the things ? The Art critics, and the journalist who is not an Art critic, ask these questions every year, and propose no answer. Here is an attempt at an answer. We do not realise that there are young people by the hundred thousand who are attempting Art in every possible branch. Some of them go on for years hopelessly sending in ; others give it up after a while. Why do they begin ? The answer is, that it is easy to attain to a certain level in Art of every kind, and difficult for the artist to understand that this level is below even the most moderate estimate of genius. In the same way critics hurl in our teeth the fact that so many thousand books are published every year. Subtracting the enormous number of books wanted for the needs of the day, there remain, perhaps, a few hundreds, more or less, which can pretend to aim at being above these temporary needs. These few hnndreds represent in literature the 30,000 pictures sent in to the exhibitions. The public in this case is the Academy ; the books are offered to the public ; in most cases the public refuses them. The books therefore fall dead and are forgotten ; they have in fact no more to do with the accepted literature of the day than the pitures which are every year offered to the Academy and rejected. In fact, it matters nothing at all, except to those unfortunate booksellers who may be persuaded to buy some of them, how many books are so offered to the public every year. The two reasons, in a word, why there are so many pictures sent to the exhibitions and so many books offered to the booksellers, are, first, that artists and writers cannot tell why their work is not of the first class, but very far below it ; and secondly, that the prizes of success are so splendid and wonderful, including far more than a goodly income—consideration, position, and social distinction.

The statue of Boadicea stands at the end of Westminister Bridge. The British public has been invited to say what it thinks of the group, and of its position. There has been a somewhat acrimonious debate upon the subject in the London County Council ; otherwise the public seems strangely cold about the artistic value of the group and its present position. I believe that we know less about statuary, and that we care less about it, than any other civilised people. Where sculpture and statuary are exhibited, the galleries are mostly deserted ; people are afraid to speak about a marble figure, even while they talk glibly about a picture ; they are afraid, because they have no real feeling about a statue, and cannot understand it. If it is allegorical, they fail to catch the meaning ; if it is a design, they do not apprehend the designer's intention. In a word, they are afraid of sculpture. Again, in most people's houses we find pictures, often good pictures ; in the houses of the less wealthy there are always etchings and engravings, cheap, yet generally good ; one hardly ever finds in any houses except the houses of the really wealthy, such a thing as a statue or a group ; therefore the public, which does not desire to possess any sculpture, will not go out of its way even to look at the Boadicea group. An unknown person addressed me while I was taking a furtive and timid look at it—furtive and timid in fear lest someone might ask me what I thought of the position. This spectator remarked to me that it was all very well to honour the memory of the warrior Queen, but that, after all, she was entirely actuated, according to historians, by purely personal motives, and those unfavourable. She was ; she wanted vengeance for personal injuries ; yet she rose upon the invaders. Now all of us are actuated by motives partly personal at least. Otherwise there would be no use in being a person. Also, she was a Briton and no relation of ours. One could not explain, standing in the cold wind on that very draughty corner, that Boadicea calling out her people against the Romans is the type of those who dare to rise and tight to the death against the invader. Yet, no doubt, as my friend stated, from purely personal motives. It is pleasant to reduce the great revolt of the Britons under Boadicea to purely personal motives. Perhaps Joan of Arc may also be proved to have been guided by motives purely personal. Perhaps Gordon may also be reduced to a person, or Francis of Assisi. Let us respect the heroine in the hapless Queen, and leave her personal motives, even if they were unworthy, forgotten and neglected. The name of Boadicea survives, I am told, among the Bretons under the form of Boduque. But I am not certain about the spelling.

Mr. Sidney Lee contributed last week a communication to the *Times* on the dear old Bacon-Shakespeare or Shacon-Bakespeare controversy. This craze, the most ridiculous craze ever started upon our unwilling world, seems to have come among us with the deliberate resolution to stay—which is unkind. During the last eight months—why the last eight months, more than the last eight-and-twenty months ? —Mr. Lee has been the recipient of numerous letters and questions from people of "intelligence," he says, asking for directions how to deal with the subject. One way, surely, would be this. I believe it is a fact that there is not a single Shakespearian scholar, not one man of all those who have really studied the lives of Bacon and Shakespeare, who know the times, the occupations and conditions, the writings of each ; not one of those who are accepted as authorities on the Elizabethan literature ; will listen for one moment to the theory that Bacon wrote Shakespeare's plays. Mr. Lee, the best authority we have on the subject of literary biography, points out that the details concerning Shakespeare's life are not scanty at all, but, on the other hand, much more plentiful than is generally supposed ; that consequently, there is no room for guesswork and theories; and he desires emphatically "to put on record his fear as one admitting, to my mind, of no rational ground for dispute that there exists every manner of contemporary evidence to prove that Shakespeare, the house-holder of Stratford-upon-Avon, wrote with his own hand, and exclusively by the light of his own genius, those dramatic works which form the supreme achievement in English literature."

I do not suppose that this weighty declaration is going to be accepted by the Shacon-Bakespeare people as conclusive. It would be conclusive to a scholar, because only a scholar knows what is meant by Scholarship. People who are not scholars, who know nothing of Shakespeare's times, and are not qualified to weigh evidence, read a pamplet which seems to them conclusive. They can see that it is emphatic ; its points are drawn up in an apparently logical sequence ; the quotations can be verified. Well, they cannot see where the assumption—the jump—comes in. Just in the same way you may see the advertisement of a quack remedy. The advertiser announces that "Life is Short." Then he adds other novel maxims to strike the mind. "Young Maidens," he says, " are often Lovely ; yet, if the Canker of Disease is in the Rosebud, where will be the Rose ?" Therefore, he says, take regularly the Hygienic Fizz, which prolongs one's days, prevents baldness, and makes the teeth stop in. This is exactly the method in the Shacon-Bakespeare controversy. The "jump" is always there, though it wants a scholar to show where it is. It is somewhere in the argument. It is now, here, now there ; it is always somewhere. But one who is no scholar cannot, in most cases, point it out. Another illustration. A new sect starts up. It is based, perhaps, on half a dozen texts of Scripture, taken out of their proper places and arranged side by side. Two or three hundred years ago there were sects such as these springing up by the dozen. The scholar knows that the interpretation attributed to this or that text is erroneous. It never could have meant such a thing. But the illiterate followers of the sect are not convinced. They do not understand, you see, the meaning and authority of Scholarship.

I am thinking of creating a new School of History. Not a school in the Oxford sense ; nor a Tripos in the Cambridge sense. I want a school of History or of historical writers, who will write their history for themselves and according to their own views of what history ought to be, not what history is. For instance, it is a painful thing for sons to reflect upon the Battle of Hastings. For thinkers of that side it will be recorded how Harold defeated William and his host, killing the invader with his own hand and driving the Normans into the sea. Again, one does not like the reign of King Stephen ; it makes one angry to read of that long civil war. My historian will compose the differences quite early in Stephen's reign between the Empress and him ; the castles of the Earls and Barons will then be shown to have been agreeable villa residences with lawn tennis grounds adjoining golf links. Later on the affecting business of the Roses will be materially changed in its character. Disputes, if you please ; alternate agreement between Edward and Henry to take turns ; an extra-ordinary mortality among the nobles ; and so on. The Civil Wars of the seventeenth century will be told by some of my writers as ending in the decapitation of Oliver and the triumph of Charles. It is a long time ago. Why not ? There will be difficulties, of course, in getting things to fit ; there will be awkward places to get over ; but why not replace a history which is full of events disagreeable to our national vanity by a long succession of reigns, every one remarkable for an ideal exhibition of patriotism and wisdom ? I am sure that this is an idea worth carrying out.

Many of my readers must have read the excellent address of M. Hanotaux at his reception in the French Academy. I now read in a French paper that this address occupied his thoughts for something like six months. A great political speech by a statesman in this country has been said—I know not with what truth—to take a fortnight of careful preparation, but in this country the speaker has to consider only the most telling array and presentation of the facts and arguments. At the French Academy the speaker knows that the literary quality of his address will be jealously watched and most seriously criticised. Every phrase, therefore, must be considered and reconsidered ; every sentence must be balanced ; there is no country in the world where literary quality is more considered than France ; the result is that there is no language in the world whose prose at its best is so good Now, the speech of M. Hanotaux was French prose at its very best. It was clear, precise, exact, well-balanced, every word was in its proper place, every word was the right word ; it was written for the Academy, and I believe that the most severe critic of the whole Forty acknowledged that it was worthy of its place of reception.

An address of this kind, which we should find it hard to equal in this country, makes one believe in an Academy. For my own part, I am one crying in the wilderness. For I do believe an en Academy, I want to see an English Academy, and, so far, the men and women whom I desire to take up the question have not done so. Yet I perceive and understand very well that, if we were to create to-morrow an English Academy, the immediate result would be the creation of such a respect for literature as this country has never yet known ; that there would be an attention paid to the manner of saying a thing, as well as the matter, far surpassing the attention now paid by the general run of writers ; that there would be fewer extravagances, fewer to run after fashions and follies ; that criticism would be at once raised to a higher level ; that the good old canons of criticism would be revived and established, and the slipshod stuff, which now too often passes for criticism, would become impossible. It is also in the interests of the people that I desire to see an Academy. Our people are now at that stag of education at which they should be taught why Literature must be honoured; why the Literature of a country is its choicest possession ; how, at any period, it reflects the character, the standards—religious, moral, literary—of that period. It is at this very juncture that the establishment of an Academy should be attempted. To raise the ideals of a country, to make the people understand the functions of Poet and Prophet—this is the true function of an Academy. This is what we want in Literature. But I have very little hope of moving anyone. There is in this country a rooted prejudice, which it seems impossible to destroy, that men of letters are a helpless and apart from their books (which are believed to come to them by accident), a rather contemptible body. Men of letters themselves have been hitherto somewhat ashamed of their calling ; they are afraid to act together ; they are unconscious of the fact that by resolutely acting together they could raise the profession of Letters into the most honourable, the most envied, and the most independent of any. But crying in the wilderness, my masters, is dry and thirsty work.

The death of the "Claimant" recalls the long protracted trial of five-and-twenty years ago Those who are under forty cannot understand the extraordinary interest that was taken in this impostor. Looking back, however, one clearly perceives now how the interest was created and how it was sustained. Immense impudence, to begin with, always commands a certain amount of following. One has only to assert boldly in order to be believed. Thus the moment the claimant declared himself the world was ready to accept him. Then the bereaved mother accepted him ; the old servants ; the old friends ; men of sanity and social position accepted him. "What," cried the world, "can a man's own mother be deceived ? Can an old servant ? Can on old friend ? Then portraits were prepared showing the Claimant side by side with Sir Roger. With a little artfulness a distinct resemblance was produced. Then a journal of the case was started. Finally a barrister was found who threw himself vehemently into the case, and brought on a battle every day between the judge and himself. Lastly, there were circulated reports of the Tichborne peculiarites. There was the small Tichborne foot, the mouth, the eyes, every part of the human frame had its peculiar forn among the Tichbornes, and the Claimant had them all. I remember how one old friend of mine gravely maintained that, to his personal knowledge, the three maiden aunts of Sir Roger had hands of a quite peculiar shape ; that this was a family inheritance ; and that the Claimant possessed those hands. At dinner parties, in the train, everywhere one heard the same thing. "Dear me ! You know sometimes I think he is not the man. But then next day, you see, I am quite sure that he must be the man !"

DEPARTURE OF SIR JAMES CAMPBELL.

After serving in the Bombay Presidency for a period extending over twenty-nine years, Sir James MacNabb Campbell, K.C.I.E., the Commissioner of Customs, Bombay, and Chairman of the Plague Committee, left our shores, yesterday afternoon, on nine months' furlough, preparatory to retirement from the service, by the P. and O. Company's extra steamship Thames, which weighed anchor at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Although on the previous evening a farewell visit was paid by the retiring Commissioner to all the departments under him, the entire establishment turned out *en masse* with floral wreaths and bouquets to wish good-bye and *bon voyage* to one whom they all held in high esteem. Long before the hour of departure, the medical officers and others serving under the Plague Committee, heads of departments at the Customs Offices, and several friends of Sir James commenced to arrive and assembled in a shed at the Pier head, which was crowded to excess, while the whole route from the main gate of the Customs Offices to the pier head was lined on both sides by the clerical establishments. As the hour of departure approached several officials and gentlemen who could not wait on account of their responsible duties, went up to the office room of Sir James Campbell and bade him goodbye. While seated in this office along with the members of the Plague Committee, he was the recipient of numerous floral wreaths and bouquets. He left the office room at 3-15 p.m., and as he walked towards the staircase, the floral compliments continued to pour in from all sides. On the landing of the staircase he was met by several Parsee Abkari contractors, including Mr. Kawasji Dadabhoy Hurmusji Dubash, Mr. Sorabji Dadabhoy Hurmusji Dubash, Mr. Cooverji Edulji Oomrigar, Mr. Hormusji Maneckji Calianwalla, Mr. Dorabji Dossabhoy Kalianwalla, and others, all of whom decorated Sir James Campbell and presented him with bouquets. As he came out of the main entrance and walked towards the bunder, garlands and bouquets were given him. On arriving under the shed, Mr. Kamsey Damji and Vassonji Khimji garlanded him. A little further on Sir James met the district medical officers, plague officers, and others, and shook hands with them. The clerical establishment of the Plague Committee, headed by their Chief Accountant, Mr. Kaikhoshroo N. R. Ramna, met him near the pier head and presented him with floral wreaths and bouquets. Sir James stepped down the pier head, and as he entered the Customs launch, which had been kept in readiness for him, three hearty cheers were given to him by those who had assembled on the pier. Mr. A. Cumine, Acting Commissioner of Customs, Mr. W. T. Morison, Collector of Customs, Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Hay, Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, Mr. C. C. James, Mr. T. M. Filgate, Inspector-General of Prisons, Mr. J. Walsh, and Captain Mostyn accompanied Sir James in the steam launch and saw him off on board the steamer. Amongst those present were : Mr. R. H. Vincent, C.I.E., Commissioner of Police ; Mr. Playford Reynolds ; Surgeon-Major Dinmoor ; Dr. T. S. Weir, Health Officer, Bombay Municipality ; the Hon. Mr. W. C. Hughes, Chairman, Bombay Port Trust. Mr. J. H. Du Boulay, I.C.S., Plague Officer ; Mr. A. Wood, I.C.S., District Plague Officer ; Surgeon-Captain Jennings ; Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Wilkins ; Brigade-Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel Barker ; Surgeon-Captain Barry ; Mr. W. McCann ; Mr. W. Almond ; Mr. A. Walker, of the Abkari Department ; Drs. Justice, Mackenzie, Adams, Leng, Hornabuick, Richards, Castillotte, Dalal, K. M. Dubash, K. B. Shroff, Sorabji Cowasji Hormusji, Captain Bengley ; Mr. Bomanji Beyramji Patel ; Mr. J. Walsh ; Mr. Rustomji Pestonji Jehanghir, Mr. Fazulah Khan ; Khan Bahadur Nowroji Dinshaji Wadia ; Messrs. Kawasji Dadabhoy H. Dubash, Sorabji Dadabhoy H. Dubash, Guneshum Nilkanth Nadkarny, Cooverji Edulji Oomrigar, Byramji Edulji Oomrigar, Edulji Byramji Oomrigar, Hormusji Maneckji Kalianvalla, Dorabji Dossabhoy Kalianwalla, Rao Sahib Ellapa Ballaram, Sirdar Cassum Haji Mitha ; Messrs. Tribbowandas Mungaldas Nathoobhoy, Narayen Trimbak Vaidya, V. Sequiera, Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Customs ; Sorabji Hormusji, Framroz Rustomji Joshi, Hormusji M. Narielwala, Karamsey Damji, Vassonji Khimji, and others.

Before leaving the office, Sir James Campbell delivered over charge of his duties as President of the Plague Committee to Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Hay, as a temporary measure.

PASSENGERS PER S. S. IMPERATOR.

The following is the list of passengers proceeding by the Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Imperator, Captain John Nicolich, from the stream, to-morrow, at 9 a.m. :—

FOR THIESTE AND VENICE.

Mr F Ad Assmann	Mr Mazarocl
Mrs E Bachrach	Mrs C P G Muhl
Surgeon-major J P Barry	Rev W Norach
Lieut G C Brooke	Surg-Lt-Col J Parker
Mr James Brown	Major H G Piers
Mr E Buchner	Lieut C L Robertson
Mr D Campbell	Mr L P Russell
Capt F G Cardew	Mr G Sagehorn
Major H A Carleton	Mr G Salinger
Mr E L Descours	Mrs Sautter and infant
Mr A Franzius	Rev F Schenkel and three children
Mr H G Hardy	Miss Shairer
Miss M Von Hirsch	Mr and Mrs F W Stevens
The Hon'ble Mr and Mrs W C Hughes and two children	Lieut A D Strong
Capt Hume	Mr Stubmann
Mr H W Kemball	Col W H Stuart
Rev C King	Capt and Mrs W Thuillier
Count A Kinsky	Mr and Mrs J Tooth and two daughters
Mr W Knox Johnson	Mr Urquhart
Mr H H Lake	Lieut C Vickers
Rev and Mrs Lauffer and child	Revd and Mrs Weischeadel and four children
Mr and Mrs S Lecovich and son	Mr and Mrs Van der Wense and infant
Rev and Mrs J Lohr and three children	Revd A H and Miss Wright
Mrs B Lohr.	Mr H Zweifel

FOR ADEN.—Lieut R A Cassells

MILITARY NEWS.

Privilege leave has been granted to Colonel E. H Fitzherbert, Commandant Deolali Depot, from 1st May to 7th June.

Lieutenant R. de S. Dudgeon, 25th Bombay Rifles has been permitted to proceed to England on the recommendation of a Medical Board in anticipation of the leave which will be hereafter granted to him by the Lieutenant General Commanding the Forces, Bombay.

THE MAGAZINES OF THE MONTH.

The magazines for April are full of articles of exceptional interest in a great variety of topics. *Blackwood* gives the first place to a study of "Life and Death on the Niger" that might well damp the ardour of those who are ready to go to war for a few thousands of leagues more or less of that fever swamp. "South and east from Lekki Lagoon on the Lagos border to the north of the Opobo River, there stretches a reeking quagmire some three hundred miles in length, where the mangroves grow up in festering ooze and yeasty slime, and through this desolation of rottenness the muddy waters of the Niger pour by many mouths into the sea. In places large ships may steam far inland, their yard arms brushing the trees as they wind through the network of tangled waterways, while in others slips of drier land crowned with perennial forest hold the swamps apart and run down to meet the sea." The European lives in a single-storeyed house raised high above the ground on piles—the one chance of life, for though few escape fever, sleep on the ground-level means certain death. No wonder then that in a group of officials there is not one bronzed face or stalwart figure ; "all were hollow-cheeked, yellow and haggard, for all had suffered from fever." "We pay for our hold on the Niger," says the writer, " with blood ; every canoe-load of salt that reaches the hinterland costs the life of a slave, and even in the newest settlements there are more crosses in the cemetery than living white men in the factories." The three leading imports of the Niger Delta are salt, gin at 2 1-2d. the quart, that makes a white man raving mad, and Manchester cotton at 2s. a piece, that is the current coin in Western Africa. Ireland, two chapters of John Splendid, an account of a town of Christian renegades on the Morocco coast, visited by W. B. Harris, a continuation of the history of a French adventurer during the Revolution, with opportune articles on the Spaniards as a Guerilla, on the Chinese Imbroglio and the vivacious Looker-on dealing with the incendiary Captain Mahan who has done so much to bring about the war with Spain, make up an admirable number.

The *Asiatic Quarterly* gives the place of honour to a contribution by Sir W. Wedderburn on Agricultural Banks for India, followed by four other articles devoted to Indian subjects. Sir William is satisfied that Lord George Hamilton is bound to take the initiative in establishing agricultural banks, because he has crushed the scheme proposed by others, and put nothing in its place. Mr. J. H. Twigg deals with the monetary crisis, and the theme of it is that the Indian Government was ill-advised to refuse the bimetallic proposals of the American Commissioners, a matter which admits of wide divergencies of view. Mr. J. Kennedy presses the importance of teaching true Indian history in the schools and colleges in view of the prevalent delusion that before the advent of British rule the country enjoyed ages of blissful repose and abounding prosperity. "Judged by results," says this retired civilian, "our education has been the most signal of failures. We turn out crowds of youths who have passed or failed to pass a prescribed standard. They have received a certain amount of intellectual training and they have a knowledge, often ridiculous enough, of English. They are sceptical, conceited, irreverent, their parents and friends being witnesses. They are notoriously discontented ; in many of their circles native gentlemen have told me no Englishman and nothing English is ever mentioned without abuse ; and they flood the Government with their pretensions and complaints. It is true that they are not a danger by themselves, but there are circumstances under which they might become an added danger." In all else we were content to improve the existing system in India, where is fundamentally the system of Akbar ; but in education we took an entirely different course, made a brand-new departure, introducing a system of education wholly European, but without the saving elements of European education, and it has become the cancer of the British Empire. A remedy can be found in adopting the system of education to native needs and the native character, and moralising it. Indian history should be thought scientifically and in a spirit of sympathy, appreciative of indigenous civilisations. A suggestive article on the *Far

FROM HUGUENOTS TO JEWS.

ENGLAND, ever the shelter to which refugees, either from political or religious persecution, have fled, has in her time given a home to many who in the course of time have been merged in the native population, and contributed not a little to her industrial supremacy. What has proved the loss of other countries has been England's gain, writes a correspondent of the "Jewish Chronicle." Our present article concerns itself with the Huguenots on the one hand and the Jews from Russian Poland on the other. The French Protestants who, on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, came to England in ever-increasing numbers, soon turned their attention to founding churches and schools, as became men and women who had fled from their native land rather than subscribe to dogmas repugnant to their consciences. It is one of these churches—known first as the *L'Eglise de L'Hopital* and afterwards as *L'Eglise Neuve*—in Church-street, Spitalfields, which now claims out attention on account of its being converted into a synagogue.

FRENCH CHURCHES.

From 1685 to 1690 no less than 30 French Churches were founded in London, one of the most prominent of which was the one situated in Threadneedle-street, Spitalfields, then as now, was the district in which the majority of refugees settled, and a number of churches sprang up. Until 1742 there were six, viz., in Petticoat-lane (now the Sandy's-row Synagogue), Wheler-street, Crispin-street, Pearl-Street, Bell-lane, and Artillery-lane, the last-named of which is now a synagogue also, after having been a Methodist chapel. There was, it is true, another church in Grey Eagle-street, but it appears that the sacred fane was merely attended by the inmates of the adjoining French Almshouses, as its name, "Le Temple de L'Hopital," denotes. In 1742 the lease of the building, however, fell in, and an exobitant price was demanded for the renewal. The minister, elders, and deacons of the Threadneedle-street Church, who were the trustees of the London French Churches, refused to comply with the demand, and looked about for a new site upon which to erect a nobler place of worship. The corner of Church-street and Brick-lane was the spot selected, and in October, 1742, the foundation-stone was laid of a building which cost £15,000. His Majesty George II. was "graciously pleased, upon the humble petition of the minister, elders, and deacons of the French Church in Thread. needle-street, to grant unto them or their trustees license to erect a new church and a chrrity school at the corner of Church-street and Brick-lane upon the ground which had been purchased by the donation of a charitable family belonging to the congregation; to hold to them and their successors, with all immunities and privileges to such church belonging for the service of God, after the usual manner." The above-mentioned personages, in gratitude, for the permission granted to them stipulated in the statutes of the new church that it was at no time "to be used for any other purpose but for the worship of God."

VICISSITUDES AND CONVERSION.

In 1743 the church was opened amid great rejoicing and prosperity, followed until the first quarter of the 19th century, when many of the congregants left the district. Little by little the numbers dwindled until 1846, when a body of Wesleyans leased the church and the adjoining charity school at a yearly rental of 100 guineas. Forty-six years did the followers of Wesly meet there for the worship of God but, as in the case of their predecessors, their numbers grew less; the influx of immigrants from Russia and Poland gradually changed the neighbourhood, and ultimately (in 1892) the building was closed. Before that year, however, when the Wesleyans gave up their regular minister, a body known as the East London Wesleyan Mission took charge of it, and with the assistance of some of the old members, preached the Gospel of the New Testament to the Jews living round and about Brick-lane. Eventually they left in 1897 when a society called the Jewish Evangelical Society took it over, and a certian Mr. Askonasy (who still plies his calling) made it his business to endeavour to promote Christianity among the Jews of Spitalfields. He did not prosper, and the Rev. Peter Thompson, of the last-named Society, tried his practised hand there, but, strange to say, the rev. gentleman had also to retire. The chapel was then closed, and its desolation was heightened by the broken windows and fallen brickwork. Meanwhile, the adjoining schoolhouse, which had been used by the Wesleyans as a Sunday School, had undergone some changes. The Wesleyans left, and the place became a common lodging-house, and the resort of thieves. The state of affairs was so bad that at last the French trustees compelled the Wesleyan trustees to give the obnoxious tenant notice to quit. The house remained empty until an institution known in the locality as the "Yiddish" Talmud Torah rented it four years ago; 650 children are now taught there the principles of the Jewish religion. The vicissitudes which had been experienced were, however, not yet ended. Last year some trouble arose in connection with the school-house, and the committee decided to buy the lease of both the chapel and the school from the Wesleyan trustees. The church was to be converted into a synagogue. The church was taken possession of by the "Machsike Hadass" Society, which was founded in 1891 by a body of ultra-orthodox Jews who were dissatisfied with the rule of the Chief Rabbi. The new congregation began with a very small number of members and a great deal of opposition. The leaders of the new movement did not, however, despair, and their society now counts 700 financial members, possesses its own Board of Shechita, and has eight butchers' shops.—*Globe.*

PROFESSOR LEGGE'S CHINESE LIBRARY.

THE large and valuable Chinese library of the late Professor James Legge (who died in November last) has passed out of the possession of his executors, having been purchased by Messrs. Luzac and Co., the Oriental booksellers, Great Russell-street, W.C., who propose keeping the collection intact. The library, which comprises between 2000 and 3000 volumes, bound and unbound, is essentially that of a student whose books were his tools. The volumes mostly look as if they had been consulted frequently, and some of them very much so indeed. In the Anglo-Chinese dictionaries, grammars, Bibles, testaments, prayer-books, and handbooks, in the various dialects, including some very scarce ones published in China, the library is well equipped; there is a good collection of books dealing in nearly all European languages, with the history of China; an important collection of works on Chinese Buddhism, Confucius, and Islam; and a complete collection of the "Returns, of Trade at the Treaty Ports, and Trade Reports," published by the Inspector-General of Customs, 1862-93, in forty-eight volumes. Some of the books in Chinese are very rare, and a few of the more important series include "Chinese History," in fifty-six royal octavo volumes; "Chinese Tonic Theasaurus," in forty-five volumes; "The Thirteen Kings," in twenty volumes; the "Three Books of Ceremonies Explained," ten volumes; the "Imperial Collection of Chinese Poetry," in eighs volumes; the Chinese "Materia Medica," with plates, in ten volumes; the Yueh-ya Thang collection of reprints in forty-three volumes; Hsiang Ching Chieh, in sixty-six volumes; "The Four Books" the "Worthies" of the Four Books, the Commentries and Topography of the Four Books, &c.; The Five King (Ching)," in thirty-four volumes; a "Digest of Chu Hsi's works, in nineteen volumes; the Jung Wei Pi Shu collection, in twenty volumes; the Writings of the Ten Men of Genius, in thirteen volumes; a valuable series of volumes on the ancient inscriptions on metal and stone, and many other books. The great value of the late Professor Legge's library can only be realised by the Chinese student. The texts of many of the Chinese classics have been edited by Dr. Legge and published by the Clarendon Press, but there yet remain in the collection many little known and exceedingly curious and interesting Chinese books. They are in many cases books which can only be got after long and patient waiting.

AN INDESCRIBABLE SENSATION.

To be easily described a thing must have clear outlines and unmixed colours. In other words it must be simple. A rent in one's clothing, a boil on one's body, a tumble while walking, the shape of a box, &c. are easily set forth in words. On the contrary the complex and comprehensive things puzzle the mind and take the meaning from language.

It was for this reason that Miss Sabina Mitchell, alluding to an experience of illness, says: "At this time there came upon me an *indescribable* sensation. It was as if the powers of life were going, to fail me, and I should sink down without help, as a stone sinks in water. Yet in saying this I convey no adequate idea of the nature of that feeling. I hope I shall never have it again.

"The illness which led to it began in the spring of 1892. My health appeared to give way all at once. I found myself tired, heavy, and feeble. My appetite was poor, and after eating I had much distress at the stomach and pain at the chest and sides. My strength gradually declined and I became very low, weak, and nervous; and it was *when in this condition* that I felt the indescribable sensation I have spoken of.

"I soon became so depressed in body and mind that it was with great labour and strain that I attended to my business. I was extremely downhearted and feeble, and none of the many medicines I tried did me any real good. In December, 1892, Mother Seigel's Syrup was commended to me, and I began using it with, I confess, small confidence. But after having taken it for few days I felt wonderful relief. My appetite improved, and eating no longer gave me pain. A short time afterwards the Syrup proved its value in the matter of my disordered nerves. The nervousness disappeared with my increasing strength. Nowadays, whenever I need any medicine, a few doses of Mother Seigel's Syrup quickly set me right. Having had so convincing an experience of what it can do, I recommend it to all my friends and customers. You can make such use as you like of this letter. (Signed) (Miss) Sabina Mitchell, Marcham-le-Fen, Boston Lines, May 17th 1895."

"In March, 1892," writes another lady, "my health began to give way. I had lost my energy, and was languid and heavy in feeling. I had a sense of faintness and dizziness that was almost constant, and occasional spells of sinking which I cannot describe. Hot and cold flushes came over me, my mouth tasted badly, and after eating I had a feeling at the chest like the pressure of an actual load upon it. I never seemed rested, and awoke in the morning more tired than when I went to bed. I was also much troubled with wind or gas from the stomach, and raised a sour biting fluid.

"In this manner I continued to suffer for nearly two years, no medicine that I took giving me any relief. In January, 1894, I got a small book and read in it of cases like mine having been cured by Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. I immediately procured the medicine from Boots' Drug Stores, and after taking it about ten days felt much better. I could eat something nourishing without any pain following. I kept on with the Syrup and was soon in my former good health once more. You have my permission to make this statement public. (Signed) (Mrs.) Ann Shaw, 174, Barnsley Road, Batsmoor, Sheffield, March 8th, 1895."

Touching the "*indescribable sensation*" alluded to by both ladies, an eminent medical author says "It is syncope without the loss of consciousness. The sufferer has the keenest realisation of the bitterness of dissolution. I have seen stalwart men unnerved and shaken by such experinces till they trembled like aspen leaves."

The cause is an acid poison in the blood produced by indigestion or dyspepsia. The remedy is to purify the blood with Mother Seigel's Syrup, and to tone the stomach in the same way. Use the Syrup on the approach of the earliest signs of weakness.

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IS THE BRITISH ARMY TO HAVE QUICK-FIRING FIELD-GUNS?

THE consideration of the adoption of quick-firing field-guns for the British Army has been postponed, if not prevented, says the *Broad Arrow*, principally by the fear of the consequences which their introduction might entail. These are an incessant demand for ammunition, the probability of waste, and the inevitable lengthening of columns on the march. These fears have deterred the authorities from undertaking the serious investigation of a subject which was bound sooner or later to become vital in its importance. The advisability of the change is however becoming more and more urgent; for the power which the possessors of a quick-firing gun will possess on the battle-fields of the future have induced France and Germany to resolutely face and overcome the difficulties which stood in their way.

The serious nature of the question may be better appreciated, so far as this country is concerned, by a consideration of the fact that whilst the re-armament of the Continental artillery is on the verge of completion, our own authorities do not appear to have yet seriously commenced the experimental trials which are necessary to decide the nature of equipment to be adopted. Although these trials, at which some of the leading manufacturing firms are expected to compete may have been fixed for an early date, it must be remembered that they will probably be lengthy, and that even on a decision being arrived at considerable time will be required to carry out the re-armament. We are consequently some two years behind our neighbours, and the Under-Secretary for War may well request "that he should not be asked to make public the exact progress made," for, as a matter of fact, nothing has been decided upon, and the Right Honourable gentleman has nothing to disclose.

The great power which rapidity of fire will confer upon field artillery at critical moments, will make it a matter of impossibility for our field-gun as it at present exists to engage a quick-firing field-gun; consequently, if unfortunate circumstances should during the next year or two bring us into collision with an enemy possessing the latest types of ordnance, we can only expect to see our artillery beaten, if not annihilated.

The main features of the new quick-firing gun are these: The abolition of recoil and in consequence an increased rapidity of laying, an additional rapidity in loading, and a simplification of the method of firing. Its chief disadvantage is the probability of additional consumption of ammunition, which of course is a serious item when we consider the already great demands upon the transport services of an army in the field. Dealing first with the equipment itself, the main feature of the majority of designs may be said to embody some modification of the recoil cylinder and its usual appendages. Amongst other suggestions which have been made, are proposals to increase the resisting power of the trail by adding to its length and the utilisation of the whole weighs of the equipment in checking recoil, by firing limbered-up. In the majority of designs already fully developed, a spade or a plough has usually been made use of in checking the recoil, in combination with recoil cylinders. As the spade or plough on firing becomes imbedded in the ground, the nature of the soil evidently exercises a considerable influence upon the rapidity of fire; but, as the result of experiment, it has been claimed for some of these designs that from eight to ten aimed rounds can be fired per minute under favourable circumstances; a greater number of unaimed rounds being possible.

Amongst some of the details which exercise the minds of experts is the question of adopting cases for the cartridges, or not. In the smaller types of quick-firing gun used in the naval and coast defence services, fixed ammunition has generally been used—that is, the cartridge in a case is attached to the base of the shell. In the field, as such an arrangement would not stand the rough usage which ammunition is liable to receive, the question is reduced to one of using a case for the cartridge or not, quite distinct from its attachement to the shell. A case does away with the necessity for obturating pads, consequently simplifying the breech mechanism; it also permits of the firing being carried out by a percussion cap and lock, which would be a great improvement upon the present unwieldy method. But unfortunately it almost trebles the weight of the cartridge and occupies a considerable space in packing. On the other hand the use of a charge without a case reduces the weight whilst necessitating the retension of the evils—if such they may be called—which the case does away with.

It may not be generally known that this rapidity of fire which it is now proposed to confer upon artillery of its present capabilities, is not an innovation of modern growth. In the wars of Napoleon and his contemporaries field artillery could reach rates of fire to which in later days and with more modern weapons it has not attained. Five rounds from each gun in a minute was not considered a particularly exceptional performance for the gunners of the nation or the Empire, and though this rapidity of fire may have been largely due to the use of case and the neglect of running up, the shortness of the ranges then in use was admirably adapted to its employment. How such a celerity of fire compares with that of our ordinary field gun of to-day, may be judged from the fact that the highest rates of fire attained at practice camps in 1897 did not much exceed one round per gun per minute, though of course by the use of case the rate might be increased. But—as was proved in 1870—guns must or will now at first attempt obtain their decisive effect at ranges considerably beyond those at which case can be used, consequently the rapid and decisive effect obtained of old can no longer be got by rapidity of fire and the power which guns formerly possessed of striking a rapid and conclusive blow has of necessity been sworn of much of its importance. But though the guns of 1870 usually attempted to obtain the final effect at medium ranges, their frequent failure to accomplish the desired result led to batteries advancing, in spite of heavy losses, to distances at which a rapid and decisive effect could be gained by the use of case as of old. Since the war of 1870 further improvements in fire-arms have made it impossible for artillery to attempt to come into action at such ranges; consequently if decisive effect is to be obtained as it formerly was rapidity of fire must be sought at longer ranges. Mere increases in the power of shell cannot restore the balance of power which the advances of the other arms have shaken if not upset; in an era where fire effect is all important, and the necessity for scoring it is ready for use—a primary principle of its employment—some more radical change is required than any improvements in the present armament are likely to effect.

The fear of a great expenditure of ammunition led to assumptions which neither the tactical requirements of the age, nor the practical experiences of the past, tend to countenance or confirm. Rapid rate of fire will not and always be necessary or desirable; that which, if accuracy and effect are to be maintained, moral effect should be increased, and similar results to those at present possible obtained in a shorter period than the French with an equal amount of ammunition. It is the average consumption which must be regarded as the basis of all calculations. A supply ready for an emergency should doubtless be maintained in the front line. In view of such a necessity the French authorities propose to add six waggons to each battery, which presumably some proportionate increase of their reserves. The power of guns has been almost trebled by the rates of fire now rendered possible; but in spite of this any reduction in the number of guns allocated to an army would evidently be inadvisable. This increased power can only be got by rapid rates of fire, and if the number of guns were to be diminished, a constant rapid fire would be rendered necessary, which human endurance could not stand.

The introduction of these rapid-firing pieces is bound to alter many of the existing tactical ideas of the day. A disparity in the number of guns of two opposing forces will be more in favour of the superior force than has ever hitherto been the case. The occupation of a position by artillery within range of hostile guns already in action, will evidently be a matter of considerable difficulty when a minute's delay will permit of a destructive fire being poured in. For horse artillery with cavalry, whose opportunities are fleeting and far between, a quick-firing gun would be an acquisition of priceless value. In addition to this, opportunities which the changing scene of an action is bound to create, short of duration and requiring decisive handling, can now be utilised by guns in a manner which was formerly impossible. The support of an attack and the repulse of a sudden onslaught have also been facilitated by increasing the possible powers of artillery for energetic action at critical moments.

DR. JAMESON AND THE "CAMERA FIEND."

A CORRESPONDENT of the "Aberdeen Journal" narrates an aggravating experience Dr. Jameson had with a photographer while fishing at Glentana on the Dee. The correspondent and the doctor's gillie, W. P. Campbell, were joking together when Dr. Jameson and Sir John Watlough appeared on the river's side. Wheeling round to his man, with a merry twinkle in his eye, Dr. Jameson broke in with "What story was that you were telling, Campbell, when we came along?"

"He was asking if we had any more attempts at interviewing by the 'watchdogs of civilisation;' and I was telling him that they were a treat compared with the fellow with the camera the day before yesterday, and how we managed to dodge him."

"O, that was it. Yes, he was a caution. I guess he did for that day's sport," laughed Dr. Jim; and, from the account of the day's proceedings it would seem that they had rather a rough time of it in eluding the vigilance of the "camera fiend."

Without even "by your leave," it seems that a persistent and highly-impertinent owner of a camera bent on having a snap shot at the doctor suddenly appeared at the river side right in front of him, and "out-spanned" in a deal of a hurry to do him in the act of fishing. Campbell immediately took in the situation, and before the "black clout could be of any use in setting the focus, the doctor, apprised of his danger, reeled up immediately, cast off and, with a fresh pool, at the same time warning the fellow to drop it, and take himself off and his "infernal machine" with him.

But he had come to make "copy," as the reporters have it, and was not to be bluffed of his prey.

No sooner had the doctor got settled into work in these fresh quarters than the fiend was again on their track on the bank above. Another move was made, and the same operation gone through, Campbell giving the signal whenever the head of the operator went under the "black flag," and the doctor immediately presenting his back, which was not the part wanted, and then reeling up and moved off.

This was repeated more than half a dozen times, and, of course, was irritating in the extreme. Yet the doctor never lost his temper but once, and that was at the Bridge of Dinnet. He thought he had shaken off at last been baffled, and had made himself scarce. The doctor was getting on beautifully, and had just hooked a fish when the "infernal machine" was again popped up on the parapet of the bridge. It seemed as if the fiend was to be at last rewarded; but, as the now common signal of alarm of the presence of the enemy, the doctor wheeled into the unwelcome position (from a photographic point of view) but in doing so actually had to break away from his fish,

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SCOTIA.

THIS name is, as every one knows, in form Latin, and means the "Land of the Scot." But who is, or rather who was, the Scot? With Roman authors, Scot, like Pict, was a generic terms. The two names, says a writer in the "Scotsman," represented to them the two peoples who, in the declining days of the Empire, made such vigorous and incessant inroads upon the provinces. And as the tribes of Central and North Scotland, many in number, and comprising, very probably, many thousand of men, came to be known by the single name Pict, it is by no means unlikely that Scot was also a comprehensive term applied to a mixed people made up of various tribes who were not all akin in blood. The word is of doubtful origin. The older class of etymologists sometimes associated the word with Scythia, a country in which the people were supposed to have sojourned for a season when on their way to these Isles. But the favourite explanation used to be that the people assumed the name out of compliment to Scota, daughter to one of the Pharaohs, and a distinguished ancestress of the regal line of the race. The Scots are from the first identified with the Gael, who within historic times were the predominant race in Ireland, although the term is but sparingly used in Gaelic literature. It has accordingly been suggested that Scot may have been a name at one time sufficiently powerful among the pre-Gaelic non-Aryan tribes which the Gael absorbed to have retained a permanent place in the nomenclature of the latter. That with the old writers Scot and Gael are synonomous terms admits of no manner of doubt. The early Gaelic missionaries speak of themselves almost invariably as Scot when they use the Latin tongue.

In their native Gaelic, on the other hand, they appear as Gaels, Milesians—rarely as Scots. One or two notable exceptions occur. Thus Fiace of Sleaty, in his hymn to St. Patrick, uses the phrase, "Patraio pridchais do Scotaib," i.e., "Patrick preached to the Scots," the "Scots" meant being the "Gaels" of Ireland. The principal Gaelic of Picts was in Central and North Scotland, although Ulster was also a Pictish country within historic times. The early movements of the Scot of Gael in our islands are not fully known in fact, the Scots were a roving race. Ireland, ever since we know of them, was their central home, the seat of their power. But it would appear that the people or at any rate their speech, obtained a more or less permanent footing in Scotland long before the date of existing records. Several old native names—among them Gaigacus, Orcades, even Caledonia—find their most satisfactory explanation in Gaelic. Cormac of Cashel says that in his day the possessions of the Gaels of the Gael were as great in Scotland as is Ireland, and that their territories extended as far south as the Straits of Dover. The bilingual inscriptions in Latin and Gaelic found in Wales and Cornwall prove beyond question that a Gaelic-speaking people had settlements in these parts in early days. But it was in Ireland that the Scots were predominant, and in these days Scotia equally with Hibernia meant Ireland. How the name came to be transferred to the "major et vetus Scotia," a favourite phrase of Irish writers, to this country is a matter of some interest. About the beginning of the sixth century the colony from Ireland settled in Argyle, and particular district they came from was called Dalriada—"the territory of the tall King" (or "of the King with the long arm").

Whether these people were Scots or Gaels, as they themselves and the monks of the Columban mission believed, or whether they were by race Ulster Picts who had acquired the speech and culture of the Gael, Principal Rhys maintains, matters nothing to the purpose. This colony prospered in their new home, and eventually their power was largely aided by Columba and his successors. The emigrants called their kingdom Scotland after the old country. They were a Gaelic-speaking people, whether in blood Gaels or not, inheriting the traditions of the Scot or Gael. The name Scot was not much in use among them, the favourite being Gael. But it was not forgotten, and when Kenneth Mac Alpin, a real Dalriada, ascended the Pictish throne, the name came into use as Scotland, but restricted to the limited area which owned Kenneth's jurisdiction, i.e., from Forth to Spey. As time went on, however, the sway of Kenneth's dynasty extended the connotation of the name Scot extended, until in 1295, when the Isle of Man, Kintyre, and the Hebrides were ceded to the Scottish Crown, it embraced the whole kingdom, Celtic and Saxon, and excepted. The Isle of Man, as is well known, was afterwards ceded to England, and in the reign of James, Orkney and Shetland became part of Scotland. Following the use of the name Scotland, the Latin terms Scot and Scotch in their tongue come to be applied to an inhabitant of Scotland, and the Teutonic speech in use in the south and east of the kingdom, the Gaelic language being now designated by Scottish and English writers Irish, corruptly so much. Among us Gaels, while the term Scot is occasionally used as a designation for the people, it is never found applied to their country or their language. Scotland, among the Gael, when using their own language, is and was Alba or Albin—a name which in old unlearned England as well as Scotland; and an echo of the memory of this extended use of the word may still be traced in some localities of old Albion. The language of the Gael is Gaelic, an adjective which in popular usage is improperly restricted to Scottish Gaelic, in contradistinction to Irish Gaelic and Manx Gaelic.

THE STAR WORSHIPPERS OF MESOPOTAMIA.

A FORGOTTEN RACE.

At the rooms of the Victoria Institute, Adelphi terrace, an interesting paper was read on behalf of the Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, F.R.G.S., on "The Star Worshippers of Mesopotamia." Mr. Zwemer was announced by Captain Petrie as being the head of an important mission in Persia. The paper was read by Rev. Dr. E. E. Walker, F.R.S. It appears that in the towns along the lower Euphrates and Tigris especially at Amara, Nasseriyeh, Shuckly, Busara, and Mohammerah, there still dwells an interesting people, variously known as Sabeans, Nasoreans, or Sc. John Christians. They call themselves Mandeeans, and although only numbering four or five thousand, they have always been, and probably must entirely distinct from the Jews, Moslems, and Christians, among whom they have dwelt for centuries.

It seemed to him that in this remnant of a race and religion they had unique example of the oldest form of idolatry—i.e., Star Worship, and (according to Kessler) "the only existing religion composed of Christian, heathen, and Jewish elements." Isolated by a creed, cult, and language of their own, they love their isolation, and do not inter-marry with strangers or accept a proselyte to their faith. Nearly all of them follow one of three trades. They raise the finest dairy produce of mesopotamia; they build a peculiar kind of light boat called "mashoof," and, for the rest, all of them are silversmiths. Both men and women have a remarkably fine physique: tall, of dark complexion good features, and with long black beards. Some of the men are typical Patriarchs, even the Shaggy Abraham appeared when he left their present country for Haran. On ordinary days their dress does not distinguish them from Moslems or Jews, but on feast days they wear only white. Their women go about unveiled, and have a more masculine cast of features than Moslem women; they are also rather taller.

At present only the few among them can read or write the language (the Mandaic), although all can speak it. Their religious motives they refuse to teach those outside of their faith even the first lesson, except secretly. What their real faith or cult is it was difficult to tell. That they turn to the North Star when they pray, and "baptize" every Sunday, was all that Moslems or Christians could tell. One narrator, however, declares that towards midnight the Star Worshippers, men and women, come slowly down to the river side, disrobe, and bathe in a circular reservoir. On emerging from the water, each robes him or herself in white, crosses to an open space in front of the tabernacle, when the priest places the sacred book, "Sidra Habbah," upon the altar. The high priest then takes one of two live pigeons handed to him, extends his hands to the polar star, upon which he fixes his eyes, and lets the birds fly, exclaiming "In the name of the Living One, blessed be primitive light, the ancient light, Divinity self-created. Then follows the "high mystery," as they term their communion. On a charcoal fire some dough of barley-meal and oil are quickly baked. A deacon seizes the remaining pigeon, cuts its throat, and strain the neck of the innocent bird over the wafers to allow four small drops to fall on each in the form of a cross. Amid the continued reading of the Liturgy these wafers are taken round to the worshippers by the priests, and "popped" into the mouths of the members with the words, Marked be thou with the mark of the Living One. Here one sees Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, as it were, engrafted on one Chaldean trunk; Mosaism, star worship, Mysticism, love feast, sacrifice, ornithomancy, and what not, else inone confusion.

PARK orators are usually amazingly stupid people. There is more wit in one bus driver or the smallest errand-boy than in a dozen of the most blatant of these open-air spouters; while a cabman compares with them for declamatory gifts, as Mirabeau to the Marble Arch. One of these dullards, Edward Leggatt by name, made his appearances at the North London Police Court for using unseemly language. He was posing in the favourite character of a social economist and apostle of a new religion for the irreligious. All unknown to him he was honoured by the presence of two reporters, who made notes of his *obiter dicta*. The rostrum on which he stood was labelled, "The Free Anarchist Platform," and from that vantage-ground he denounced Bible preachers and priests as a lot of scoundrels, and pointed out the folly of freeborn Englishmen listening to their M.P.'s, Q.C.'s, L.C.C.'s, and other people, whose titles commenced with other letters of the alphabet. He had neither Queen nor Empire. Probably he was right as to the last statement. He was a Collectivist, as he would show by sending his hat round for a collection. Evidently that was the only policy or religion he understood. The magistrate bound him over to keep the peace, and should have been asked to hold his peace. Only occasionally do these open-air lecturers say something worth hearing. The other day one of them shouted to his motley audience: "We are told that society is regulated by the laws of supply and demand." Then, with a magnificent gesture: "I call for the repeal of these outrageous laws!"

IT is now certain, Mr. Lucy thinks, that Disraeli's Life, if ever published, will have to run the risk of failure by reason of delay. Lord Rowton, he says, will certainly never undertake the accomplishment of the task left to his discretion by his friend and leader. No one else has access to the papers—and there are boxes full of them—without whose assistance it would be impossible to accomplish the work. This is rather hard on the present generation, who must needs forgo the pleasure of reading what should be one of the most fascinating books of the century.

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SOME Evangelical admirers of the late Bishop Durnford are stated to have experienced a considerable shock upon discovering the other day that the monumental effigy of the deceased prelate now being erected in Chichester Cathedral represents his vested in cope and mitre. It is suggested that these vestments are badges of the ritualistic party, if not of another Church altogether than the Church of England. The Bishop, it is urged, never wore either of the articles mentioned in his life, and on one occasion peremptorily declined to accept the gift of a jewelled mitre; consequently the effigy is at fault from the point of view of historical accuracy. In other respects the monument is admitted to be a splendid example of ecclesiastical art. The figure of the Bishop, carved from a block of Staffordshire alabaster weighing upwards of a ton, will rest on a beautifully sculptured altar-tomb, beneath an enriched canopy freely ornamented with figures of saints and angels, the latter bearing shields.

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Mr. McKinley's appearance is dignified and commanding, and he has so striking a resemblance to the first Napoleon that many of his friends have given him the name or "The Little Corporal." His eyes are keen, his face benevolent and at the same time firm, his head massive and intellectual, his figure a little inclined to corpulence, his bearing erect, and his fashion of dressing quiet and unostentatious. He is that rare product of American institutions—a gentleman and a worker combined. He has wonderful tact and never forgets a face or a friend. Without flattering, for the President is absolutely honest, he still has the faculty of making all his guests feel comfortable in his presence, and in conversation draws from each one the best that is in him. Always animated by a sense of justice he is slow in making decisions, investigating carefully all sides of a question, but adhering firmly to what he considers right when he once comes to a conclusion. When he first became Governor of Ohio he showed the utmost care in making changes, carefully studying every matter before deciding what to do, and refusing to treat public positions as mere political spoils. Combined with a great amount of personal magnetism, President McKinley has always possessed a remarkable power of winning respect for his opinions and of holding in check the rash instincts of others, as well as a faculty of rousing almost extravagant admiration in his friends. When he was nominated for the Presidency, the cheering lasted for half an hour by the watch, the great Convention Hall went wild with excitement; thousands and thousands shouted until they were hoarse, men and women alike, and pandemonium reigned. No such scene had ever before occurred at a political Convention in America. After the nomination was made, when in his quiet home at Canton the multitudes began to visit him, he showed once more his wonderful wisdom and versatility. During a campaign, upon which the honour of the country depended, Mr. Mc Kinley never made a mistake. Day after day we watched the trains speeding through Canton with carrying thousands of workmen, merchants, mechanics, eager to see and hear the man whose doctrine of protection and advocacy of sound money had made him famous. For every deputation Mr. McKinley had an answer, an argument, and man went away from Canton carrying with them new convictions and ideas. For six months, looking out over his ruined lawn, the President has was to be spoke to delegation after delegation, giving to each one of groups of men ved by French and English couturiers of the highest class for lining these coming lace gowns are pretty—mushroom, biscuit, buff, fawn, and the nonescript tints seen in the shell of a walnut and a Brazil nut.

FEMININE FACTS AND FANCIES.

NOVELTIES in dress are all supposed to be carefully saved up for Easter, vain and mundane thoughts being forbidden during Lent; but there is information to be had for the asking, even now. For instance, everybody knows that the new skirt is dependent for its fulness upon the deep flounce that sometimes goes straight round it, but quite as often springs from an apron-outline on the front breadths. Occasionally this flounce is put on in vandykes, the necessary stitches being hidden by a ruche of silk in the same colour as that of the cloth or serge or cashmere gown, sometimes in a lighter tone. The pelerine is to be a favourite form of mantle, many of the new capes being finished in front with lonz, rounded pelerine ends, sometimes plain, but oftener embroidered and edged with taffetas frills, to be superseded later by those of chiffon and silk muslin. Bodices are closer-fitting and more trim about the waist than they were a season since, and the ugly pouch has completely disappeared. Tailor made costumes may be elaborate, but for wear in early spring they are better simple. Mud is more readily got rid of from a plain skirt than from one that is frilled and braided. A variation upon the ordinary tailor-made is designed. In it the bolero and zuave type of trimming is combined with the bodice, the ends hanging a little below the waist and the outlines finished with a double row of stitching. A full, pleated vest of heliotrope surat is visible in the interval, the costumes being composed of heliotrope satin cloth with strappings of cloth of a darker shade. The revers are turned back with white cloth. The sailor hat, with a very small crown, one of the newest shapes, is trimmed with a drapery of white chiffon held in front with a spot muslin, from which rises a plume of heliotrope feathers—a jabot of lace makes a dainty finish at the neck. All shades of mauve, heliotrope, periwinkle, and violet are in high fashion in Paris, and in London also a large percentage of the smartest spring costumes, whether for home wear or the Riviera, are turned out in the above colours.

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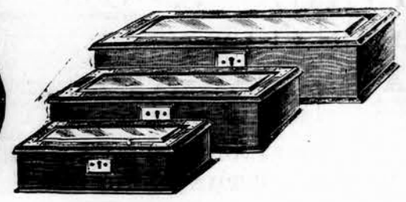

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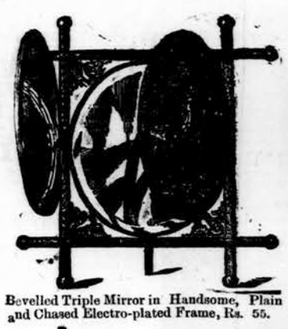

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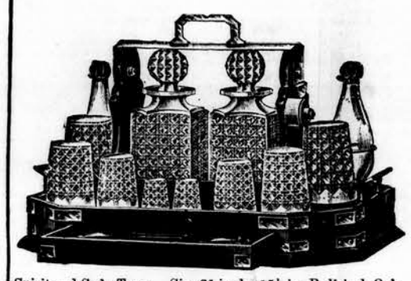

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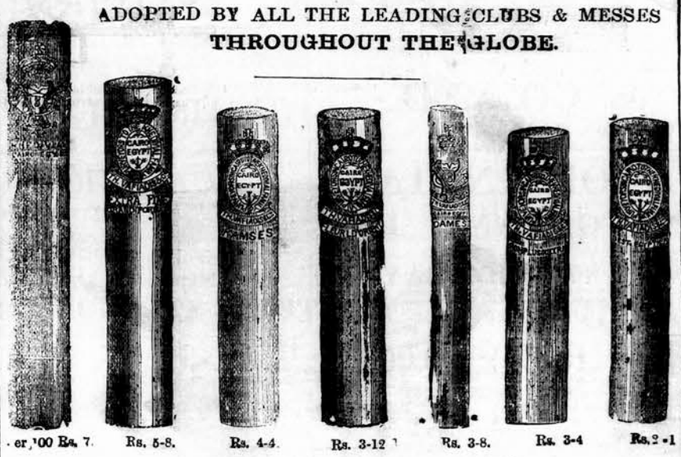

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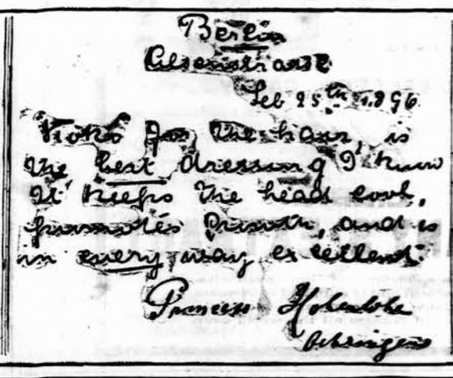
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